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## Shooting Star At Disney World



THE COMPETITION DANCE TEAM from Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam performed at Disney World in Florida. Representing the local dance studio were (back row, from left) Sara Cote, Karen Hadden, Brenda Hadden, Heather Fortier, Jessica Roy, Patrick LaFleur, Erin Gormley, Lynn Hadden-Quinn, Michelle Cote, Candace Flaherty, and Tiffany Morean. Front row (from left) - Kaitlyn O'connell, Lauren Maloney, Laura Cote, Ashley Fink, and Kelsey Reed.

## Public Can Offer Input To Council On Vacated Seat Policy

By Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Agawam Town Council will schedule a public hearing in the near future to help create new policies for filling a vacant council seat.

An official question of how to better fill a vacancy was placed on the agenda by Councilor George Bitzas nearly two months ago and was tabled three times.

After much discussion, Bitzas withdrew the question during Town Council's Monday, Dec. 4th meeting after initially refusing to withdraw.

Bitzas' question was referred to the Rules Committee October 16th and was later referred to a newly formed ad hoc committee whose task was to study the situation and offer suggestions.

That committee, comprised of Councilors Anthony Bonavita, Gina Letellier, Joseph Mineo, and John Negrucci met last week.

"Most of our discussion was on breaking a tie," Negrucci said.

The emphasis on tie-breaking follows the council's deadlock this past summer while trying to fill a seat vacated by the sudden death of former Councilor Kent Servis. After more than a month of 5-5 voting results, Councilor Richard Morassi opted to change his vote in order to break the deadlock.

"The reason why I submitted this was because of the fiasco that happened," Bitzas said, referring to the deadlock. "We're looking for a permanent solution. It's our responsibility to fix the charter the right way."

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## Agawam Senior Games Athletes Holiday Bazaar



AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES ATHLETES (from left) Edie Chiba, Peggy Vancini, Terri-Anne Ouellette, Lorraine Fontaine, Harry Ingram, Angelo Polumbo, Ginny Ingram, Vi Presz, and Mildred Ferri show off the many Christmas gift and decoration ideas at their holiday bazaar held at the Agawam Senior Center. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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The committee offered two solutions to the problem.

One solution is that the council president, or another council member, is made ineligible to vote. As it stands, the council needs six votes to fill a seat because there would be 10 voting members. If one person was made ineligible to vote, only five votes would be needed and a tie would be impossible.

The other solution, which was favored by almost the entire council, was to have a 12th person rule. (The individual who finishes 12th in the November municipal election for Town Hall automatically will receive a vacated seat on the 11-member council.)

"If the council president elects to go with the 12th person, we would not have to break a tie," Negrucci said. If the 12th person was not able to fill the seat, it would go to the 13th person, and so on.

"If nobody is willing to serve, it will come from a regular vote," Negrucci added.

The two solutions offered could be done through a rules change, which the council can vote on themselves. Other solutions may need a charter change, which would have to be brought to town vote and would take more than a year to take effect, if it passed.

Several surrounding towns have policies in place to fill vacancies, including West Springfield, Westfield, and Holyoke. These involve giving a vacated seat to the next person in the municipal election pecking order and do not include a tie-breaking rule.

The council decided holding a public hearing would be the best way to find a solution.

"I think the council is wise to hold a public hearing," Ms. Letellier said.

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## Town Dept. Heads Reflect On Mayor's First Year In Office

by Hope E. Murray  
Municipal Writer

Five of Agawam's town department heads gathered in the Mayor's office last Tuesday afternoon to reflect on the events of Mayor Richard A. Cohen's first year in office.

And what a short, pleasant trip it's been, they said. But it hasn't been all fun and games - it's been a lot of work. And they like it that way. Especially Cohen.

I haven't taken a day off all year, and I don't want to," he said. "I love coming to work."

Town Treasurer Laurel Placzek, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director John Stone, Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Town Assessor Chester Nicora, and Town Solicitor Thomas Locke, along with Cohen, cited many accomplishments since Cohen took over.

The Agawam Library expansion project approval; completion of the Combined Sewer Overflow project - which Placzek pointed out came in under budget; an increase in the school budget; and new and improved park playscapes were just a few of those accomplishments mentioned by the group. But the one thing that everyone kept repeating was teamwork.

"I tried to bring a teamwork atmosphere here," Cohen said. "Everybody has something to offer."

Theroux praised Cohen's efforts in spreading that attitude around town.

"That is a real accomplishment of this year," Theroux said. "We're working with the Town Council on things like Tuckahoe Turf Farm and treating the School Department as an equal. He's opening up the whole process to all of them."

Locke said one of the greatest aspects of Cohen's administration is that the Mayor is constantly learning.

"The mayor continues to impress me on a daily

basis," Locke said. "He's come a long way since January. I think what's helpful is that every day there's something to learn and he's not afraid to ask questions."

"One of his strongest points I've seen is he has the ability to work and play well with others. I give him an A+." Locke added that it's not an easy undertaking to shift from a non-municipal job into a job like being mayor.

"Like any new job, it's a learning experience," Cohen said. "I don't have any reservations about change, and I will ask questions."

And change is one of the key elements to Cohen's administration. Under his direction, many small but significant changes have been made in Agawam, with very little conflict, he added. "When there's no conflict, people think nothing's going on," he said. "But the things going on here are numerous and quite substantial."

Cohen says since he took office in January 2000, the school budget has increased and a \$75,000 supplemental budget was approved to further technology in the school system. The High School Library Expansion was designed. All schools received new books and curriculum development. And Placzek said that for the first time, her department worked with the schools on the budget.

The Police Department, said Cohen, saw the parking lot repaved and cruisers were updated with plastic back seats for health and safety reasons and computers were added to all cruisers.

All police officers were issued portable radios and

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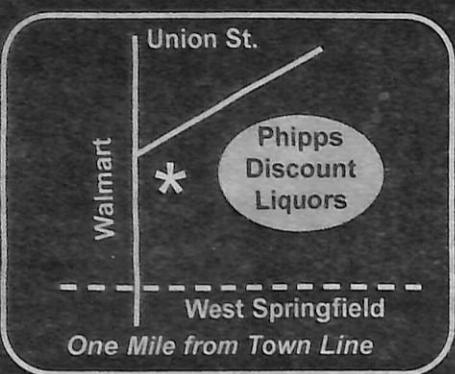
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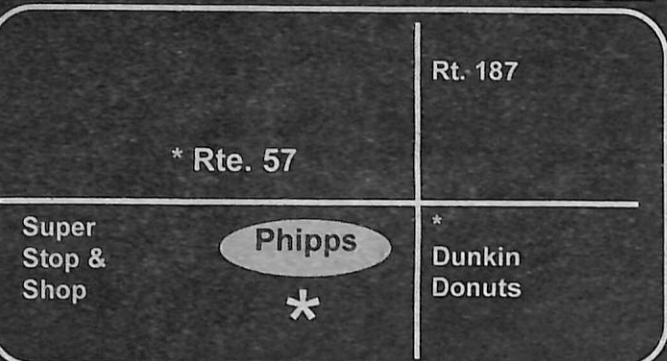
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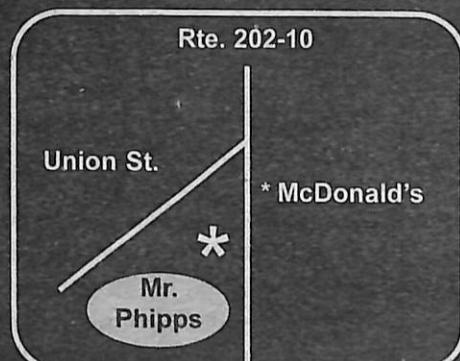
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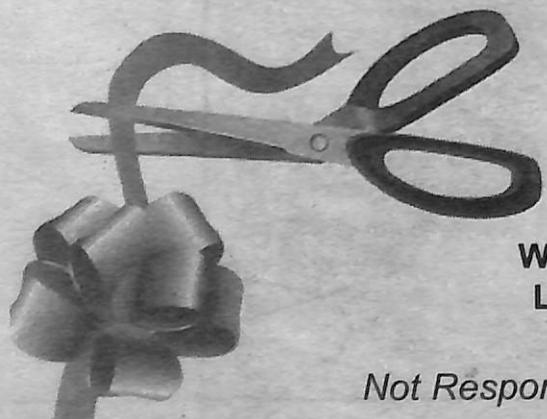
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## Letters To The Editor

### See You At Agawam UNICO's "Breakfast With Santa"

#### To The Editor:

On Sunday, December 10th, Agawam UNICO will be holding a very special fundraiser. This year's pancake breakfast with Santa will be held at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. The menu will feature delicious pancakes, sausage, eggnog, juice, coffee, tea, and Hoodie Cups. The admission price is only \$4 for adults, and children under nine years of age will be admitted free of charge.

All of the proceeds from this year's event will be given to the family of Michael Cote. Michael is one of triplets and is 4-1/2 years-old. Michael was born blind with a condition known as anophthalmia (or "lack of eyes"). At four months-old, Michael started visiting an oculist in Boston and went for fittings every three to four weeks for the next 20 months. After these fittings were completed, the specialists switched Michael to balloon conformers.

In September of 1999, Michael received his first set of prosthetic eyes. When Michael was five months-old, he underwent surgery to repair an "encephalocele" in his brain; at eight months-old, he again had surgery to correct a cleft lip.

Michael and his family live in Agawam and are attempting to remodel their basement so that Michael can have a "tactile" area to explore and play. This area will help Michael become more independent as well as assist him in advancing his motor skills.

Michael's story has so touched our hearts here at Agawam UNICO that we have decided to hold this fundraiser in his honor and donate the proceeds to his family. Please join us on Sunday, December 10th, for some great pancakes and meet Michael and his family. At this time of giving, please help us to help those

## Apply Now For Next "Citizens Police Academy"

Town residents or business owners interested in attending the winter session of the "Citizens Police Academy" can pick up an application at the Agawam Police Station at 681 Springfield Street.

The academy sessions will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Police Station, beginning January 9th and ending on March 13th.

The class is limited to 15 participants. The application deadline is January 3rd.

The "Citizens Police Academy" allows Town residents and business owners a behind-the-scenes look

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of us who are less fortunate than us by coming to this fundraiser.

Please plan to bring your children and/or grandchildren to meet Santa and receive a gift from Santa. There will also be a raffle of a brand new bicycle and other great items, a 50-50 raffle, and a bake sale.

This should prove to be a very special day for Michael and his family. Won't you please be a part of it? We hope to see you all there.

Ronald E. Lalancette

Agawam UNICO

Pancake Breakfast Committee

## K. Of C. Thanks Town For Support Of Breakfast

#### To The Editor:

The John F. Kennedy Council of the Knights of Columbus, #5585 would like to thank everyone who attended our "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" on December 3rd.

We served over 450 persons. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Lucille Harpin. Due to the response we had this year, we'll be back again next year with as good, or better, breakfast.

Thanks,  
Al Taupier, Chairman

## James Clark Students Thank Councilor Letellier

#### To The Editor:

Town Councilor Gina Letellier spoke to the children in Room 15, Grade 3. Teachers Mrs. Shaker and Mrs. Swikalus discuss government in the social studies curriculum.

Ms. Letellier spoke about the responsibilities of the Town Council and then the children had an opportunity to ask questions.

Thank you, Ms. Letellier, from the children and the teachers.

Sincerely,  
Teachers & Students  
Of Room 15, Grade 3  
Clark School

## FireWise...

## Holiday Fire Safety

by Fire Chief David Pisano

We think of the holidays as happy times, a chance to celebrate with family and friends.

The Agawam Fire Department wants to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season, and offers the following suggestions to keep your holiday safe:

\* When purchasing a live tree, look for the following signs of freshness. A fresh tree is green. Needles will be hard to pull from branches when bent between your fingers. Fresh needles don't break if bounced on the ground, and a minimum number of needles should fall off.

\* To keep your tree fresh, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better absorption of water; keep stored outside the house 'til you're ready to decorate; and keep the stand filled with water.

\* When placing your tree, make sure it is kept away from sources of heat (like fireplaces or heat vents) and out of the way of traffic.

\* Check out your lights before placing them on the tree. Look for worn or frayed wires and broken bulbs. Make sure you do not overload extension cords.

\* Take care when using candles. Keep them away from other flammable decorations. Place them where they cannot be knocked over or reached by children. Do not leave lit candles in an unattended room.

\* Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. If you'll be traveling to visit family and you're not sure if they have a smoke detector, take one with you.

Remember, fires don't take a holiday. By taking some precautions, you and your family can celebrate a fire-safe holiday.

**For more information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.**

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2000 upon petition of Verizon New England Inc. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated October 20, 2000 for permission to: Jointly owned pole #72 in way of Dunkin' Donuts' driveway. Request pole be relocated 25 Ft. in Northerly direction and set 2 ft. back from edge of street in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2000.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of eco/Springfield, LLC for work to be performed on M Street Extension, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

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## - Agawam Obituaries -

### ROBERT A. CLARK

Robert A. Clark, 88, of 110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, and formerly of Rollins Street, Springfield, died recently in the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

He was a retired 30-year installer of office equipment for Broadway Office Supply in Springfield, and also worked as a chef at the Student Prince Restaurant in Springfield for several years.

Born in Longmeadow, he resided in Springfield for most of his life, and was a member of the American Legion and First Park Memorial Baptist Church in Springfield.

He was an Army veteran of World War II with the rank of Tech 4, and served in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the European Theatre Ribbon and five Bronze Service Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal II.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Marguerite Clark.

He leaves his second wife, Georgia R. (Ingraham) Shevock Clark; two daughters, Althea G. Vacirca and Arlene G. Rea, both of Agawam; a brother, Donald Clark of Florida; three sisters, Mildred Alaimo of Springfield, Verna Howe of Longmeadow, and Edith Boles of Florida; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Forastiere Funeral Home, followed by funeral services in First Park Memorial Baptist Church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery (all of Springfield).

Memorial contributions may be made to First Park Memorial Baptist Chruch, 1 Garfield Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

### ESTHER M. KNAPP

Esther M. (Lockeby) Knapp, 84, of 184 Silver

Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Holyoke, she grew up in Chicopee and lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1946.

She was a lifelong member of Bethany Assembly of God Church.

Her husband, Joseph H. Knapp, died in 1995.

She leaves two sons, Joseph of the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C., and James of Suffield, Connecticut; a daughter, Janet M. McCollum of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with burial in Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 580 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### FRANK B. MAHALSKI

Frank B. Mahalski, 73, of 58 Bosworth Street, West Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in Enfield, Connecticut for most of his life, moving back to West Springfield this year.

He was a retired self-employed plumber for 45 years, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of the Polish Home in Enfield, and a Navy veteran of World War II.

His first wife, the former Eleanor Crombie, died in 1963.

He leaves his second wife, the former Carolyn Dunn; a son, Frank B. Mahalski, Jr. of Broad Brook, Connecticut; four daughters, Elaine Moccio of Agawam, Linda A. Dunley of West Springfield, Francine B. Regan of Westfield, and Joanne W. Hoerth of South Berwick, Maine; two sisters,

Josephine Corley of Enfield and Katherine Whitehead of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in Immaculate Conception Chruch, West Springfield. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Mass. Chapter, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

### DANIEL J. SHOEMAKER, JR.

Daniel J. Shoemaker, Jr., 48, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died recently at home.

He worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford, Connecticut, for 10 years.

He also had owned and operated Danny's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Co. in Feeding Hills.

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and lived in Southwick and Feeding Hills for most of his life before moving to Windsor Locks three years ago.

He was a lieutenant in the Pratt & Whitney Fire Brigade.

He leaves his wife, the former Patricia Donovan; a son, Devin J. at home; and a sister, Dolores Shoemaker, a half-sister, Judith Boivin, and a half-brother, James Patterson, all of Belchertown.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, December 8th, at Windsor Locks Funeral Home, and calling hours were scheduled for the evening of Thursday, December 7th.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 538 Preston Avenue, P.O. Box 1004, Meriden, CT 06450-1004, or the University of Connecticut Health Center Transplant Program, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06032.

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MASSACHUSETTS CHIEF JUSTICE MARGARET MARSHALL poses with Representative Daniel Keenan after receiving the "Legislator of the Year" Award from the Hampden County Bar Association.

## Rep. Dan Keenan Named "Legislator Of The Year" By Bar Association

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan (D-Southwick) was recently honored as Legislator of the Year by the Hampden County Bar Association. Representative Keenan was acknowledged for his hard work, dedication, and distinguished legislative service, as well as his efforts to promote the fair and efficient administration of justice.

"I am honored to receive this award for the work I've done with the communities I represent," said Keenan.

Keenan received the award at the Delaney House

during the Hampden County Bar Association Annual Banquet. This is his seventh such award in the past year.

He has also been recognized by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Hampden County Retirement Board, Agawam Town Council, and the Agawam Democratic Town Committee for his efforts regarding the abolishment of county government, while the Hampden County American Legion recognized Keenan for his work in establishing the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

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new weapons - Smith and Wesson .40mm guns. A community police bicycle officer was implemented.

According to DPW Chief Stone, the Combined Sewer Overflow project was completed under budget. Water line construction on Main Street has improved the area's fire safety as well as sidewalks. Sewers for Feeding Hills are in the works. Approximately \$835,000 in road improvements was completed. One-fourth of Agawam's streets were accepted. Recycling efforts in schools have increased and condominium recycling is progressing, Stone added.

Cohen noted that in the area of Parks and Recreations, designs were made for the renovation of the Municipal Golf Course. Major fundraising endeavors for the skateboard park have resulted in \$50,000 for the park.

Concept drawings for recreational facilities on School Street were viewed by the public and will be brought to public hearing early next year. The Connecticut River Bike Path project is moving forward. Family Fun Night was initiated with more than 400 children in attendance, Cohen said.

The list of accomplishments goes on to include improvements at the Senior Center, a new 10 year contract with AT & T Broadband, an assessor's website, a new Veterans' Agent, a PWED Grant to improve Six Flags area traffic, and funding for the Fire Museum through a tourism grant among others.

Placzek said that under Cohen's direction the town's departments have been "proactive."

"Presently, we're way ahead of other communities in terms of the information we have," she said. Cohen added that they try to present residents with that information as often as possible.

"One of the things accomplished in my first year is the friendly atmosphere and working relationship we have with residents and businesses," Cohen said. "We're working to meet the needs of people in town and I can only accomplish that with good people."

"The people who work in this town are absolutely phenomenal."

Cohen said he would continue to work to make Agawam even better in his second year. And maybe he'll take a day off.

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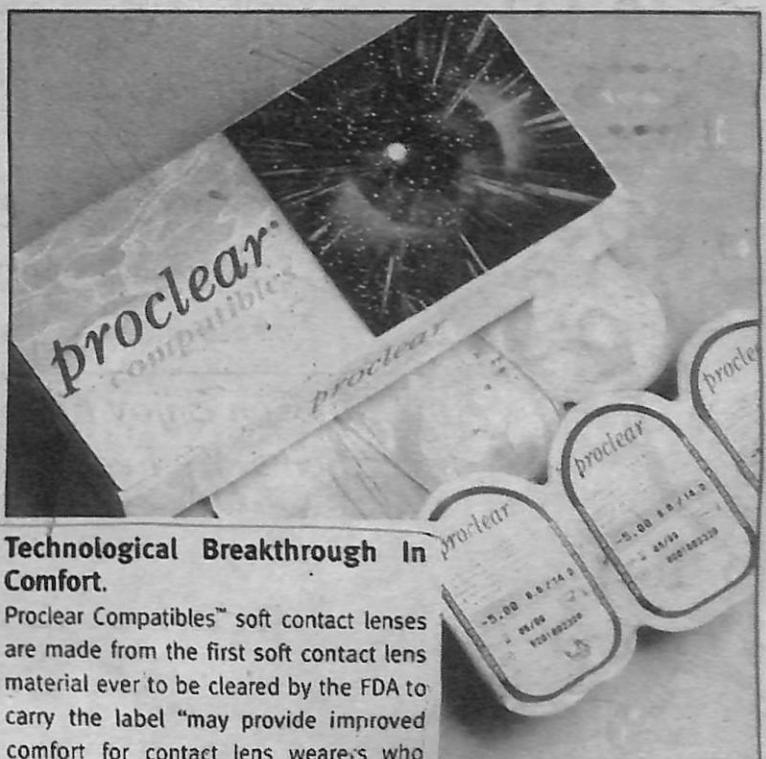
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At The New Amelia Park in Westfield....

## Park & Recreation Dept. To Offer Free Ice Skating

The Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Dept. has reserved a "Block of Ice" at the brand new Amelia Park in Westfield on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

This free skate is available to town residents. Skate rentals are available for \$2 at Amelia Park.

Town residents may pick up passes at the Recreation Office, Monday, Dec. 11th through Friday, Dec. 15th from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Passes will be valid for the Dec. 16th ice skating only and are limited to the first 200 people.

## Ag. Republican Town Committee Slates Breakfast Meeting

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday morning, December 9th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The agenda will include the regular monthly business meeting and reports from state committee members Roberta Brundette and Robert Magovern.

Kent Lage, committee vice-chairman, will conduct the meeting and invites anyone interested in becoming an active member of the Republican Town Committee to attend this meeting.

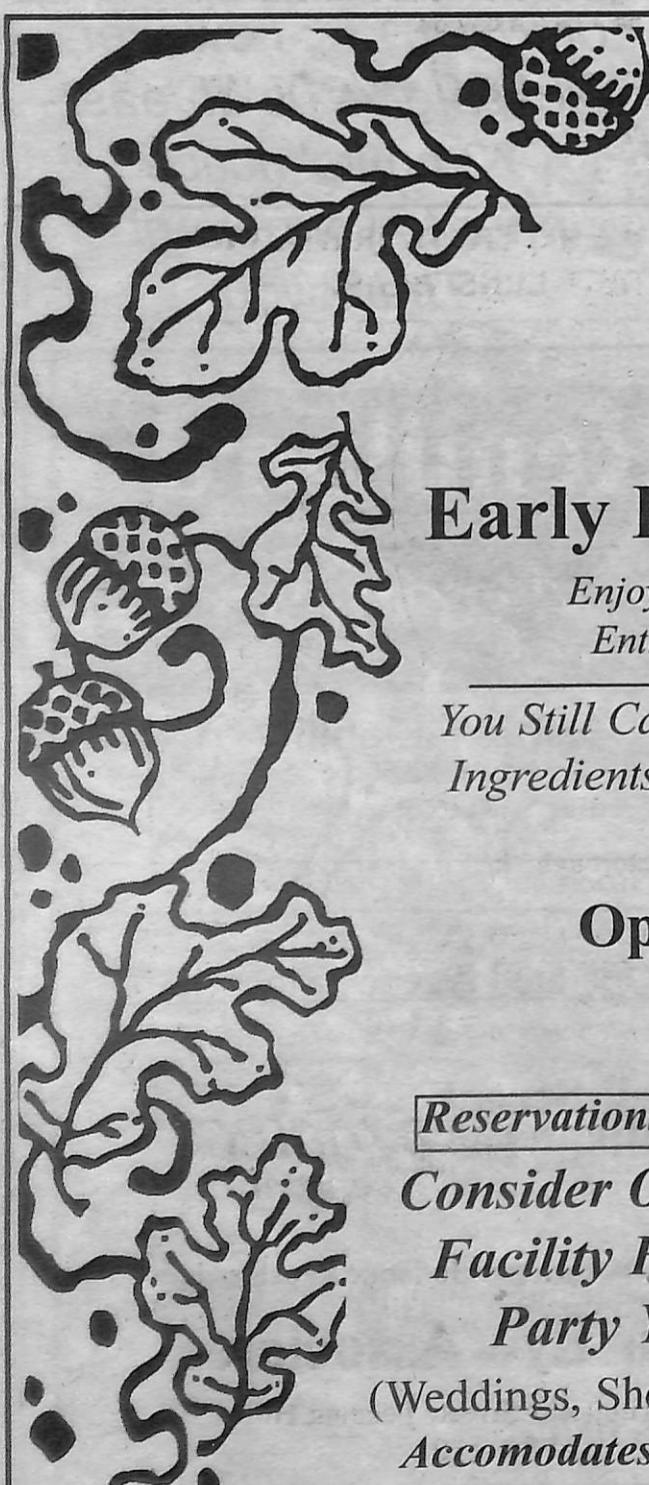
Questions can be addressed to Kent at 786-8905.

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## Agawam's "Mayor For The Day"



**MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN GOES OVER SOME PAPERWORK** with "Mayor of the Day" Linda Fortunato. Cohen met Linda at an Eagle Scout banquet at Chez Josef where her brother, Joe Fortunato, attended the ceremonies for new Eagle Scout Christopher Holl. Linda's mother works at Perry Lane Early Childhood Center. Linda was given a tour of all town departments and met many of the department heads and Town Hall employees. "The Mayor signs lots of papers and gets lots of phone calls," Linda told us. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



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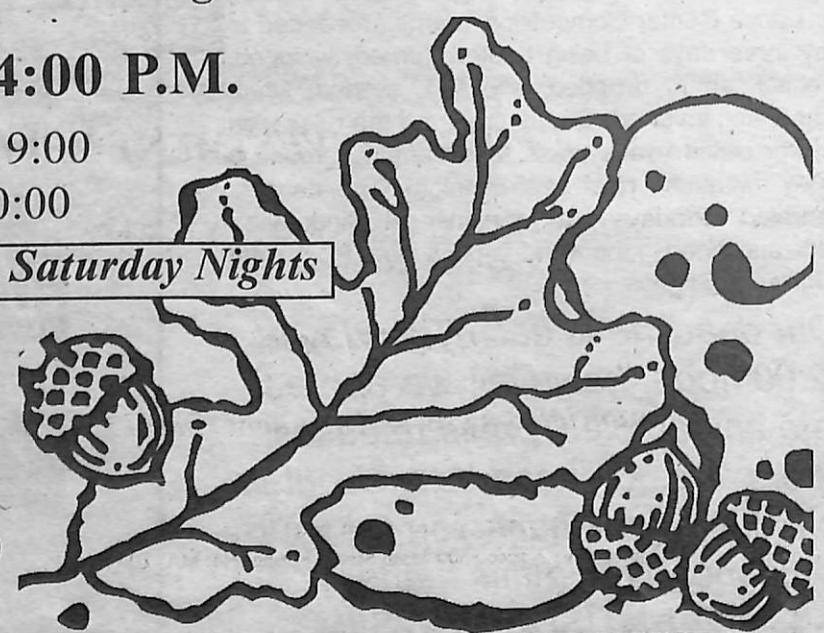
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SHOOTING STAR DANCE CENTER MEMBERS who performed at Disney World are seen with the one and only "Goofy": (back row, from left) - Karen Hadden, Candace Flaherty, Brenda Hadden, Heather Fortier, Michelle Cote, Sara Cote, Patrick LaFleur, Jessica Roy, and Erinn Gormley. Middle row (from left) - Tiffany Moran, Kaitlyn O'Connell, Kelsey Reed, Laura Cote, Lauren Maloney, Ashley Fink, and David Huote (Disney Entertainment clinician). Front row (from left) - Goofy and Lynn-Hadden Quinn (co-director).

## Shooting Star Dance Center Of Agawam Performs At Disney World

"Entertaining at Disney". When you hear those words you may think of people like Brittany Spears and 'NSYNC. That is great company to be in, so the Competition Dance Team from Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam was thrilled to be invited to go to Disney World to entertain on the Tomorrowland Stage in the Magic Kingdom.

Under the direction of Ms. Lynn Hadden-Quinn, co-owner of Shooting Star Dance Center, the Competition Team polished their routines with extra practices, often meeting at the dance studio on short notice to review and go over new material. You may have even seen these precision dancers practicing in the parking lot of their Springfield Street studio on those hot August nights when the temperature inside the studio was just unbearable, but may have been a good training exercise in weather tolerance for Florida in August.

The dancers attended a three-hour Disney Entertainer's workshop under the direction of Dave Huote, the Wal Disney World Entertainment clinician, at Epcot World Center. On the following day, in 95-degree temperatures and 90% humidity, both the Junior and Senior Competition Teams put on a show that lasted 30 minutes.

In full costume, which at times included long-sleeve outfits with hats, hoods, and lots of glitter, the dancers glided flawlessly through their routines to a crowd of onlookers from around the world. Every dancer really needs to be commended for performing in a Florida heat that was so intense their feet would burn from the heat of the sun-splashed stage.

Once the dancing was done, it was time for some Florida fun. The most daring members of the Shooting Star Dance Center Competition Teams proceeded to enjoy three days of being twisted, turned, whipped, slammed, spun, dropped, shocked, swirled, lifted, lurched, and inverted. Others preferred the relaxation of water slides, wave pools, and hanging around a Disney swimming pool past midnight. The dancers celebrated birthdays with a dinner at Cinderella's Castle and dined in the world-famous Hard Rock Cafe at Universal Studios.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...*

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The Shooting Star Competition Team members would like to thank the following companies and individuals who donated during a year-long fundraising effort. Thank you to T-Shirt Station, Victor Shibley, Pyramid Dental Health Associates, O'Connell's Mobil, Ayre Real Estate, Rejean Remillard Insurance Agency, Rick's Auto Body, Country Flowers & Gift Shop, and Design Works.

A special thanks to all the Shooting Star Dance Center parents who donated their cars and purchased services and goods throughout the year. A great thanks goes to Lynn Hadden-Quinn for organizing the dancers and getting them to their top form for this opportunity.

Thanks also go out to Connie Fink and Brenda Hadden (Lynn's sisters) for taking care of the trip details and handling all of the travel concerns.

## Agawam School Committee Phone Numbers

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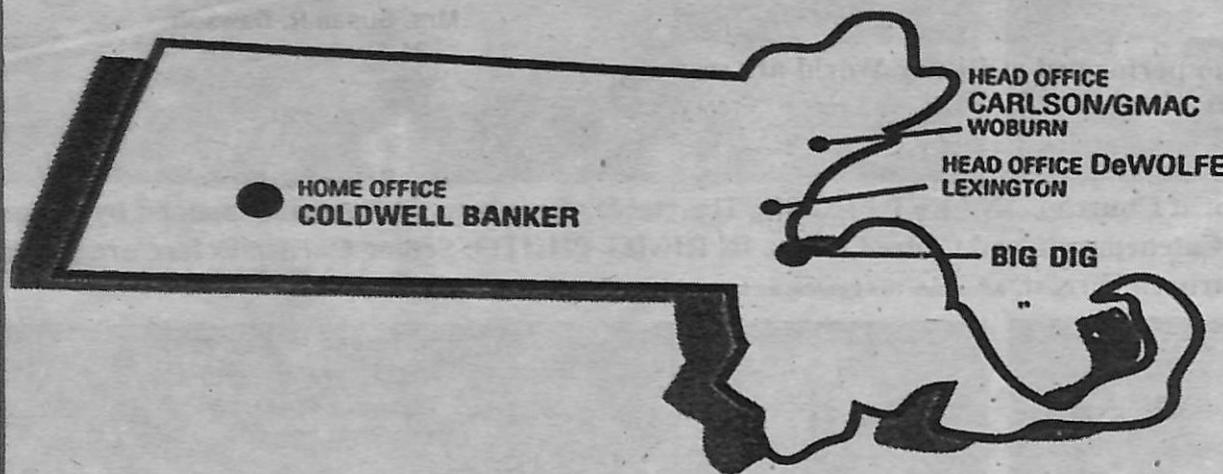
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## Various Bazaars Appeal To Area Christmas Shoppers



AT THE JINGLE VALLEY FAIR at Agawam First Baptist Church ... IN LEFT PHOTO: The "table of opportunity" is being manned by (from left) Yvette Ramos Bishop, Sandra Taft-Fairley, Phyllis Catchepaugh, and Claire Crouss. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Selling Christmas fare are (from left) Lois Buiniskas, Marilyn Kane, Lorie Baker, and Barbara Wright. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: These shoppers are listening to songs of the season at Agawam First Baptist's Jingle Valley Fair; back row - Joyce Geiger and Pamela Moriarty; front row - Coribeth Geiger, Barbara Wright, Helen Lockhart, and Claire Crouss. IN RIGHT PHOTO: The Reverend Earl Eisenbach (second from the right), pastor of Agawam Congregational Church, shows his holiday spirit at the church's holiday bazaar along with parishioners Dorothy Brown, Janet Hine, and Beverly Follis. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



LENA PELOQUIN volunteers her services at the holiday bazaar held at the Agawam Senior Center to benefit the Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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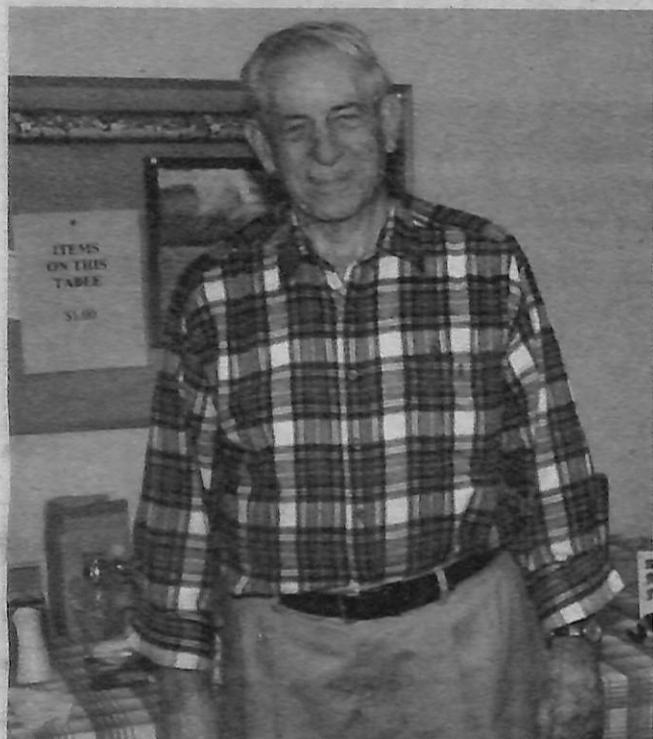
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# Holiday Bazaars Galore Throughout Agawam...



HAVING A "BAZAAR" TIME at Agawam Congregational Church ... IN LEFT PHOTO: Evelyn Mogue, Ruth Blanch, Barb Eisenbach, and Claire Scoville are at the homemade dessert table. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Helping in the kitchen at Agawam Congregational's bazaar are Peg McCobb, Dot Coon, Sue Peckham, Matt Blackak, Merilyn Brown, Lou Blackak, Bobbie Parker, and Ruth Bartuske. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



"THE DARCY DAVIS ROOM" at Agawam First Baptist's Jingle Valley Fair is manned by none other than that famous parishioner himself - Darcy Davis. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

*Make A Difference This Holiday Season...*

## Support "Operation Santa" With Monastery Heights Community

The Landmark at Monastery Heights Senior Living Community will host its first annual holiday celebration in support of West Springfield's Operation Santa.

The event will take place on Wednesday, December 13th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The Landmark at Monastery Heights has volunteered as a toy collection site and is asking the public to stop by, donate a toy, and join us for some holiday cheer.

Operation Santa is being coordinated by the West Springfield Recreation Department and the West Springfield Parish Association.

Bring a toy, celebrate the season with holiday music by the Don Bastarache Trio, enjoy carol singing, special holiday treats, visits with Santa Claus, and see our tree lighting.

The tree lighting will take place at 5:00 p.m. To join the festivities, please bring an unwrapped, new toy. Cash donations are also welcome (checks made out to "Operation Santa").

All proceeds from this event will benefit West Springfield families. For more information, please call Jennifer King or Lois Goralski at 781-1282, 110 Monastery Ave., West Springfield.

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## Kathryn M. Lech Weds Eric W. King

Kathryn Marie Lech and Eric William King were married on Oct. 21, 2000 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Three Rivers, Mass.

The bride, daughter of Margo Ann Dranka and Walter P. Lech, Jr., is a graduate of Palmer High School and Holyoke Community College. She is a teacher at Old Mill Pond School in Palmer. Mary Grasso, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor.

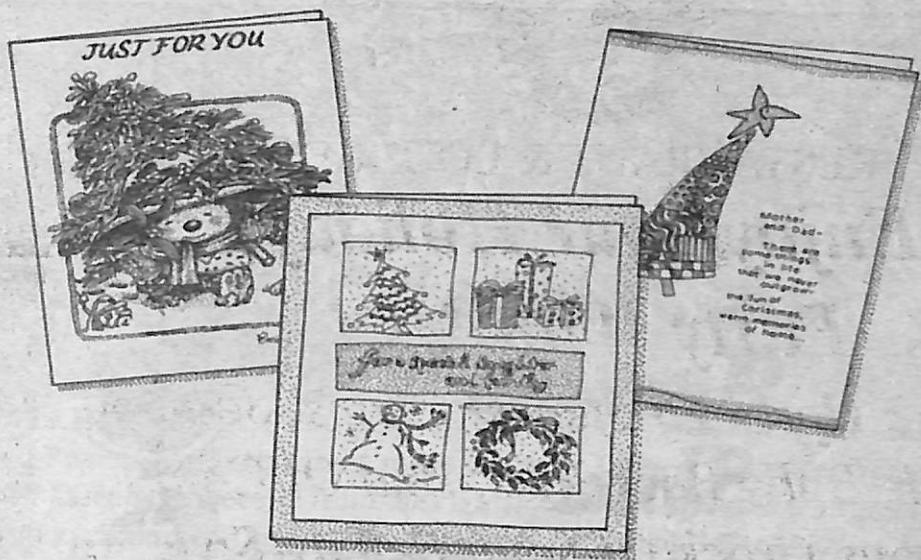
The groom, son of Eleanor and Ralph King, is a graduate of Agawam High School and DeVry Technical Institute. He is employed as an engineer at WWLP-Channel 22 in Chicopee. Daniel King, brother of the groom, served as best man.

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## Holiday Open House At Captain Leonard House

The public is cordially invited to an open house to be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 633 Main Street, Agawam, on Sunday, December 10th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The house will be decorated for the season, and the trustees of the house will be available to point out the historical significance of the structure and to share anecdotes about the house.

The *Agawam and Feeding Hills* book will be available for purchase. Author David Cecchi will be signing copies of his book, which is part of the *Images of America Series*. The book showcases Agawam's past through a series of photographs and postcards from the 1880's to the 1950's.

Also featured at the open house will be well-known harpist Theda Torlai playing seasonal music.

Refreshments, including mulled cider and cookies, will be served by the trustees throughout the afternoon.

## COLLEEN APPLICATION

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- \* Resident of Agawam or Feeding Hills section of Agawam.
- \* Must claim Irish ancestry.
- \* Completion of resume.

Entries and \$10.00 application fee must be mailed by Friday, December 15, 2000. The five finalists will be selected on January 6, 2001. These finalists will be honored at the GRAND COLLEEN BRUNCH, where one will be selected as Grand Colleen. The Grand Colleen will receive numerous gifts from local donors, a scholarship and a trip for two to Ireland provided by Travel Magic presented by The Agawam St. Patrick's Day Committee.

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Mail application entries to P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001-0825. Upon receipt of application entries, a formal application will be mailed. For further information, call Susan Dawson, (413) 789-3400.



MATTHEW BURKE KEENAN

## Dan & Jill Keenan Announce Birth Of Son, Matthew

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan and his wife, Jill, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Burke Keenan.

Big brother, Jack (4), also welcomed baby Matthew into the family. Matthew was born at Baystate Medical Center on November 2nd.

"Matthew and Jill are both doing well, and Jack is excited to be a big brother," stated Dan.

## Heritage Hall Seeks Holiday Volunteers

Help spread some Christmas cheer! Heritage Hall, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is seeking volunteers of all ages and interests for the Christmas season.

Whether you play an instrument, sing, or are a whiz at holiday decorating, your talents are greatly needed. Groups of Christmas carolers are especially needed to visit bed and wheelchair bound residents.

So gather your friends, colleagues, and neighbors and help us bring smiles to our residents' faces this Christmas. Please call Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413-786-8000 for more information.

## Ag. Jr. Women To Hold Holiday Meeting, Dec. 19th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is holding its Holiday Meeting on December 19th, 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Leonard House. The December meeting is an enjoyable evening, with all club members bringing a gift and participating in a Yankee Swap.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved.

For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Leonard House.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ...*

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## Agawam St. Patrick's Committee Schedules Grand Colleen Pageant & General Meeting

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will be hosting its Grand Colleen Pageant at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 6th at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St.

The Committee's Grand Colleen will be chosen, but not announced, by the judges at the pageant and will be presented at a Grand Colleen Brunch on February 4, 2001 with gifts from local donors, a scholarship, and a trip for two to Ireland provided by Travel Magic of Agawam. Application entries must be dated and should include a \$10 fee.

Eligible contestants are young single female residents of Feeding Hills and Agawam of Irish ancestry between ages of no less than 16 years and no more

than 22 years-old by the date of March 17, 2001.

Eligible contestants must never have been married, nor have had children, shall have completed or now be in their high school junior year, and must complete a resume. All qualified residents remain eligible.

Please mail application entries to P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001-0825, or please contact Colleen Committee Chair, Susan Dawson at 786-3400 for more information.

The Committee will hold its next general meeting on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Faolin Peirce Community Room at the Police Station, 681 Springfield St.



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**AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS** (back row, from left) Dennis Marchetto, Sal Morassi, Jr., and Art Chase meet with members of the Cote family to discuss the upcoming "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 10th, which will benefit 4-1/2 year-old Michael Cote, who is one of the family's triplets. Michael was born blind and has undergone three major surgeries. Members of the Cote family pictured include the triplets, Elyse, Tristan, and Michael; their mom, Margaret; and their father, Mike (back row, far right).

## Ag. Jr. Women Offering Final Holiday Ornament

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is offering their final ornament this year. The Junior Women have offered an ornament each year, celebrating Agawam's "historic" locations.

This year's ornament will feature the Agawam Veterans' Gazebo. This ornament will be available for the price of \$6, and may be purchased at the Feeding Hills Public Market or Surprise! Card & Gift.

Some of the past year's ornaments available are: 1992, the Old Agawam Center Library; 1996, Agawam Fire Department; 1997, the Agawam Town Seal; 1998, the Agawam Town Hall.

These ornaments are available by calling Betty Vershon at 786-4357 or Pam Quirk at 789-3274.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

## Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Mon., Dec. 11th:** Chicken cutlet on a hamburger roll w/lettuce & tomatoes, steak fries, pears.

**Tues., Dec. 12th:** Chicken rice soup, broccoli quiche, side salad, oat bread, prunes.

**Wed., Dec. 13th:** Stuffed peppers, scalloped potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

**Thurs., Dec. 14th:** Salisbury steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, rye bread, peaches.

**Fri., Dec. 15th:** "Christmas Party" - Porchetta, pan-roasted potatoes, dilled baby carrots, applesauce, roll, Christmas cake.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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## UNICO's Pancake Breakfast To Benefit Michael Cote

Agawam UNICO is pleased to announce that its annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" will take place on Sunday, December 10th, at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

All proceeds raised from this year's breakfast will go to benefit Michael Cote, a 4-1/2 year-old boy who was born blind (a condition known as anophthalmia). During his short lifetime, Michael has undergone three major surgeries. He is currently being fitted with prosthetic eyes, which is an ongoing procedure. Michael is one of triplets and lives in Agawam. With all of the challenges he has faced, Michael has become a well-adjusted child who loves playing with his siblings Elyse and Tristan.

Please keep this date open on your calendar, meet Santa, and support Michael. Tickets are \$4 for adults, and children under nine years of age are free. Tickets are available from any UNICO member, chairman Art Chase at 786-4265, and Bruno Maule at 789-0082.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

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## A Special Visitor...



**JESSE FULLER** (right), a former Town Councilor and Agawam School Committee member, is delighted by the recent visit of her son, the Reverend Marc Fuller (left), who is currently residing in Canton, Ohio. Rev. Fuller is the pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in Canton.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Jayne Smith (right), an employee of the Town of Agawam, was one of 23 local employees who were recently presented with an "Exemplary Worker Recognition Award" from the Agawam Rotary Club. "Jayne was picked because of her innovative, hard-working, and positive attitude. She started and followed through on tasks of great benefit in the promotion of recycling," said Mayor Richard A. Cohen (center). Also pictured in photo is Linda Fortunato, Agawam's "Mayor for the Day." IN TOP PHOTO: The "Exemplary Worker Recognition Award" recipients are congratulated by various elected officials and Rotary dignitaries at the breakfast held in their honor by the Agawam Rotary Club. Photo at left by The AAN's Kathy Shepard.

## Rotary Club Hosts 1st "Exemplary Workers' Breakfast"

The Agawam Rotary Club was proud to recognize individuals who were nominated by their employers for demonstrating outstanding commitment to their jobs, serving as role models for their co-workers and peers, and whose efforts have a positive impact on the operations of the business.

The honorees were said to maintain the principles of the Rotary Four Way Test of the things we think, say, or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Agawam Rotary Club President Linda Northup Vitro presided over the event on Friday morning, November 17th, at Crestview Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. WWLP TV22 News Anchor Barry Kriger was the keynote speaker and encouraged the honorees to continue "going above and beyond the call of duty."

Honorees were commended for skill, talent, creativity, and commitment to their chosen vocation, integrity, and good will in their workplace and dependable and valued service to their employers.

Congressman Richard Neal, State Senator Linda Melconian, State Representative Daniel Keenan, Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, Agawam Town Council President Robert Magovern, Rotary District 7890 District Governor Frank Wargo, and Rotary District 7890 Assistant District Governor Ellen Cook Miles were all on hand and offered their congratulations and support of these outstanding workers. This event was sponsored by Woronoco Savings Bank.

The 23 individuals who were honored were:

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## Fundraiser For Chris Hayes Raises Money For Scholarships

Chris Hayes left this world on April 18th, but his presence continues to amaze us.

In June, his parents, sister, brother-in-law, and grandmother went to the graduation ceremony. His mom received his bachelor's in food service management.

On August 12th, Chris' family and friends held a memorial "Pig Roast" to add to a scholarship at Johnson & Wales University set up by The Olive Garden restaurants in Chris' memory. Julie, Mike, and Mark DaSilva, Jim Planzo, Ray Gobeille, Joe Iarrusso, and Lance Landry (to name just a few) planned a great day. There were games, raffles, food, a dunking booth, great music, and 200 pounds of pig! All who attended had a wonderful time. Thanks to all who supported this event.

In September, the committee met to plan next year's "Pig Roast," and a check was presented to Jackie Toussaint for the scholarship at Johnson & Wales University. At that time, a second check was presented to set up a scholarship at Agawam High School to help other young people realize their dreams.

Chris' entire family wishes to thank all who helped to make the "Pig Roast" a huge success with their presents (donations) or their presence. It was truly appreciated.

On October 25th, Jackie (Chris' mom) and Kim (Chris' sister) were invited to the "Distinguished Visiting Chefs" luncheon at Johnson & Wales University. The distinguished chef was Sara Moulton of "Cooking Live." At that time, the check was presented to the university with great honor and pride.

Once again, the family and friends of Chris Hayes and the members of the "Pig Roast" committee wish to express their gratitude for all the support that was given to this fundraiser.

## Agawam Democrats To Hold Annual Christmas Party

The Agawam Democratic Committee will hold its annual Christmas party at E.B's Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Ext., Agawam, on Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a buffet of chicken wings, chicken nuggets, ziti, meatballs, salad, rolls and butter, and a cash bar.

Members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the benefit of the Open Pantry/Parish Cupboard and a grab bag gift under \$10.

Anyone interested in attending may RSVP to Gina Letellier at 786-4723 or Joanne Willis at 789-1626 by Friday, December 8th.

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JACKIE TOUSSAINT (third from the left), the mother of Chris Hayes, accepts a check for the scholarship named in memory of her son.



IN LEFT PHOTO: The committee responsible for last summer's "Pig Roast" in memory of Chris Hayes is gearing up for the next year's event. Back row: Kim Seder (Chris's sister), Lance Landry, Jim Planzo, Justin Baker, and Mark DaSilva. Middle row: Jackie Toussaint (Chris' mother), Laura "Nani" Bouley (Chris's grandmother), and Julie and Carrie. Front row: Dave Seder, Ray Gobeille, Dan LaBreck, and Mike DaSilva. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jackie Toussaint (center) with two of her Granger Elementary School colleagues, Patricia Kallfa (left) and Leeann McKeever, at last summer's "Pig Roast" at the Polish-American Club.



## Agawam Women's Club To Meet Mon., Dec. 11th

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its meeting on December 11th at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be "Celebrating the Holidays." A gift paper exchange will be held.

The invocation and hospitality will be given by Evelyn Mogue.

All friends and new members are invited to attend.

## VFW Post 1632 To Meet Dec. 12th

The next regular monthly meeting of the Agawam VFW Post 1632 is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12th in the Post meeting room on South Street.

The Post has a new board of officers and are in the process of upgrading and revitalizing the post for a greater involvement in the community and in participation of activities that will be surrounding the new Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam.

All current members are requested to attend. All veterans considering membership are encouraged to attend. Those desiring to be associate members will be welcomed as well. Your participation is important.

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**Question:** What do you suggest for winterizing my hair to the new colors? My summer highlights are so old! Should I just grow out this color to my natural shade?

**Answer:** We usually suggest to deepen the hair color for the fall and winter months. Keep in mind that a color that is too dark can "harden" your face, thus making you look older. The opposite is true with a color that is too light, making your look "washed out." When choosing a new color, you must consider your skin tone. We all agree in our salon that the style and the color go hand-in-hand. Without one, the other just doesn't "cut" it. A few weeks ago, I wrote about choosing a style for your shape face. Now we will explain about the color that will be right for you.

If you have fair skin with pink undertones, blonde shades are a great choice. If your skin tends to have olive or dark tones, then blonde can make you look green. Using a brunette or red color can warm-up your appearance. If you have red in your skin, using an ash color will cool off that warm look. Auburn is a very popular winter color, but many women find that it can make them look older. I suggest to use a deep red shade in your color base if you are a brunette and lighter reds if you are in the blond range. All colors can be used as highlights, bringing out the shape of your new haircut to make it look fabulous!

If your hair has gotten too light from summer coloring, then low-lighting, using a shade to match your natural color, can darken your hair while still keeping some of the lighter color as highlights. If you want to grow out your highlights, just get fewer and fewer each time you get a touch-up until you have phased them out completely.

If you want to grow out a color, sometimes matching your colored ends to your natural color can be achieved. Most times the ends fade out and if the hair is too porous, color control is minimum. If your hair is gray, then this method is not for you. You cannot tint your hair gray because this is the only natural color that has not been duplicated. The best way to achieve a successful grow out is to cut your hair as short as you comfortably can, and maybe add a few highlights to soften the line of demarcation.

To help make you feel better about this process, keep your haircut appointments between four to six weeks apart. Maintain your style with the four phases of hair care I wrote about in August; cleanse, condition, style, and finish. Stop in our salon and see Jennifer and Carol, our Paul Mitchell hair care specialists. Jennifer is a certified Paul Mitchell educator and can help to prescribe a healthy hair care routine just for your needs! Consultation is always free. Our job is to keep you informed so you understand, and to help make *you* look good!

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## AHS's Class Of '35 Gathers For Reunion



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE members of Agawam High School's class of 1935 who recently gathered for their 65th reunion at Take Five Restaurant in Feeding Hills. The attendees included (in alphabetical order) Ernestine (Breninger) Birk, John Bitgood, Elaine (Cordes) Case, Donald Goss, Alvin Kellogg, Geraldine (Rising) Knapp, Elmer Letellier, Lydia (Grecco) Martignetti, Edith (Buoniconti) Moccio, Mary Morris, Dwayane Raynor, Vivian (Cordes) Roberts, Belinda (Vandersingel) Shivick, Arlan Skinner, Verne Spear, and Bud Stocker.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Dwayane Raynor of Florida, Belinda (Vandersingel) Shivick of Delaware, and Bud Stocker of Texas traveled the greatest distance for the recent 65th reunion of AHS's class of 1935. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Reunion attendees Verne Spear, Vivian (Cordes) Roberts, and Doris & Alvin Kellogg.

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# Church News

## New Addition To Be Dedicated At Faith Baptist Church



THE FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED ON SHOEMAKER LANE (next to the Berkshire Power Plant) will hold a dedication ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00 p.m. for the church's expansion project. The public is invited for a tour and refreshments. Reverend James J. Jasmin (left photo) stands next to the church sign on Shoemaker Lane. In right photo - Rev. Jasmin holds one of the commemorative t-shirts in the new section of the church to be dedicated in the memory of recently-deceased parishioner Wilma Powers. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

*Final Chicken Supper Of 2000...*

## Have Yourself A Merry Little Chicken At Valley Community

T'was the night before the Chicken Supper, when all through the kitchen - Not a creature was stirring - especially the chicken. The food was all stacked by the oven with care, In hopes that some helpers soon would be there.

The children under 12 who ate for \$4 and the adults who paid \$8 were nestled all snug in their beds; While visions of 1/2 of a baked chicken, mashed potato, gravy, stuffing, vegetables, drink and a dessert table to die for (gasp!) danced through their heads.

Jeff Hill in his chef's hat and wife Mel in her apron had just settled in to cutting up capon. When out on the lawn their arose such a clatter, Jeff sprang to the high, cellar, cinder blocked window to see what was the matter. When what to his wondering eyes should appear, but a folkswagen bus and eight or more volunteers.

With a little old driver so lively and witty, he knew in a moment it must be the Patron Saint of the Church Supper Committee. Into Dunn Hall at Valley

Community Church, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA the helpers they flew - Dressed to cook with recipes and ingredients, too. Jeff drew back his head and was turning around, when down the stairs St. Chickolas came with a bound. His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry - seeing Jeff this happy was a little bit scary.

All he could picture were these little round bellies that shook when they were filled like a bowl full of cranberry jelly. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head soon gave Jeff to know, he had nothing to dread. They spoke not a word, but went straight to their work; cleaning all the chickens, cutting all the vegetables,

mashing the tators, tossing the salad, slicing the pies, setting the tables, washing the dishes, then...

Filling all the shakers they turned with a jerk - And sprang to the bus, to St. Chicolas gave a whistle - And away they all flew like the down of a thistle (which the trustees have been trying for months to cut down off the hill.)

But, all heard them exclaim 'ere he drove out of sight - "See you at the Chicken Supper, Sat. Dec. 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m., Call 786-2445 for reservations - Happy eating to all and save us a bit!"

(Condolences to Clement Moore and his "Visit From St. Nicholas") LWP

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## Activities At St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's

### MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.-Wed.: 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Thurs.: 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Fri. & Sat.: 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony; Sat.: 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa; Sun.: 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa; **Holy Day Vigil:** 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony; **Holy Day:** 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa; **Rosary:** One half-hour before daily Mass.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., Dec. 7th: 6:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at St. Anthony's; 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa Finance Council meets at the Rectory; 7:30 p.m., 4:30 Choir Rehearsal at St. Theresa's.

Fri., Dec. 8th: 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mass of the Immaculate Conception at St. Theresa's.

Sat., Dec. 9th: 10:30 a.m., Cantata "Dress Rehearsal" at St. Theresa's; 4:30 p.m., Mass (Brightside Angels available; Dominican Sisters of West Spfld. Bake Sale after Mass).

Sun., Dec. 10th (Second Sunday of Advent): 9:15 a.m., CCD for grades K-6; Brightside Angels available at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass (Dominican Sisters of West Spfld. Bake Sale after Mass); 7:00 p.m., Christmas Cantata at St. Theresa's ("2000 Decembers Ago").

Mon., Dec. 11th: 6:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal for the 8:30 and 11:00 choirs at St. Anthony's; 7:00 p.m., CCD.

Tues., Dec. 12th: 7:00 p.m., Parish Council meeting in the Parish Education Center.

Thurs., Dec. 14th: 7:30 p.m., Advent "Evening of Reflection" with Fr. Jude at St. Theresa's.

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT AT ST. ANTHONY/ST. THERESA PARISHES

"A Prayer-a-Day" suggestions for the second week

From St. Anthony's & St. Theresa's...

of Advent:

Sun., Dec. 10th: It's not about us- *Help me take the steps to get ready, Lord, for your new arrival in my life.*

Mon., Dec. 11th: Extend a hand - *I extend my hands, O Lord, to you, to the world, to my neighbor.*

Tues., Dec. 12th: Visit Bethlehem here- *Help me, Lord, to see the Gospel story in the people around me.*

Wed., Dec. 13th: Welcome home- *Let the children teach us, O God, to welcome with open arms.*

Thurs., Dec. 14th: Tell your story- *God, author of life, show me today how my story fits into your Story.*

Fri., Dec. 15th: Pray for interruptions- *Lord of surprises, help me to find you in the interruptions of my days.*

Sat., Dec. 16th: Stay alive- *Let me stay alive today, O Lord, in your light and love.*

"A Prayer-a-Day" suggestions will continue as we "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve: Regular Sunday Schedule - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 24th, Christmas Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Special Children's Mass and pageant at St. Anthony's; 12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 25th, Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 10:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve: Regular Sunday Schedule - 8:30 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

Jan. 1st, New Year's Day: 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's.

## News & Activities From Sacred Heart Church In F.H.

**Christmas Concert:** Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the needy. See you there!

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**Christmas Mass Schedule:** The Christmas Mass Schedule for December 24th and 25th are as follows:

**Sunday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve):** 4:00 p.m., Vigil Mass; 5:30 p.m., Children's Mass; 12:00 Midnight, Midnight Mass.

**Monday, Dec. 25th (Christmas Day):** 9:00 a.m., Mass During the Day; 11:00 a.m., Mass During the Day.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is on Friday, Dec. 8th and is a Holiday Day of Obligation. Masses will be as follows: Vigil Mass, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, Dec. 4th:** 6:30 p.m., Rosary for World Peace - (Church)

**Tuesday, Dec. 5th:** 6:00 p.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal (Church); 7:00 p.m., Pastoral Council Meeting (Center)

**Wednesday, Dec. 6th:** 8:30 a.m., Rosary for World Peace (Church); 5:15 p.m., Weight Watchers (Center); 6:30 p.m., Cub and Webelo Scouts (Center); 7:00 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal (Church)

**Thursday, Dec. 7th:** 6:30 p.m., Tiger Cubs (Center); 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts (Center)

**Saturday, Dec. 9th:** 7:00 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous (Center); 7:15 & 8:30 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous (Center)

### WEEKLY MASSES

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

**Monday:** 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Thursday (Eucharistic Prayer Service):** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 4:00 p.m.



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## News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Second Sunday of Advent Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include the Service of Holy Communion. Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled, "Our Part in God's Plan." The New Testament reading is taken from Luke 3:1-6. Debbie Donaldson will be Lector. Ushers will be Rose and Perry McCobb. Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will be dismissed following Communion for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

On Sunday, December 10th, we will have our monthly collection for the **Parish Cupboard**. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the collection table for cash donations.

**Volunteers are needed** to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, December 13th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cakes, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

A **trip to Bright Nights** has been planned for Saturday, December 16th. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in Griswold hall so that discounted advance tickets may be purchased. We will leave from the church at 6:00 p.m.

Sing we noel! Join with us for a fun evening of **Christmas Caroling** on Saturday, December 23rd at 5:30 p.m. When we're done serenading the neighborhood, we will return to the church for refreshments.

Little things do mean a lot - especially when those little things are brought together as **Church World Service Gift of the Heart Kits**. The contents of these starter sets are simple but having or not having them can make a world of difference in an on-going development program or when disaster strikes. The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a collection of completed Health, Clean-up, Baby, and School Kits during the month of December. The contents of each kit, along with a collection box, are located in Griswold Hall. Our church has been a generous provider of kits in the past; we hope the generosity will continue!

Please note that due to the holidays, the newsletter deadline has been moved back one week. Articles and information should be submitted by Thursday, December 14th.

### On the calendar:

**Fri., Dec. 8th:** 6:15 p.m., Confirmation to Sinai Temple; 5:00 p.m., Creative Memories

**Sat., Dec. 9th:** 10:00 a.m., COR (sanctuary)

**Sun., Dec. 10th:** 10:00 a.m., Communion/Parish Cupboard/Sunday School; 12:00 noon, Church of Redemption; 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting.

**Mon., Dec. 11th:** 3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Property Committee; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed

**Tues., Dec. 12th:** 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wed., Dec. 13th:** Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee

**Thurs., Dec. 14th:** Newsletter deadline; 3:15 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

## Public Invited To United Methodist

On the second Sunday of Advent, December 10th, Rev. Walter Woitenek has chosen as his theme, "Preparing Our Hearts for the Finding of Jesus Christ in Our Lives."

His sermon will be "A New Word for an Old World." We invite one and all to come worship with us at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church located at 459 Mill St. (opposite Agawam High School).

A short church meeting will follow the service.

## Preparing Thanksgiving "Goodie" Bags



CHILDREN OF VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH help prepare Thanksgiving "Goodie" bags in preparation for their visit to help serve at Loaves & Fishes in Springfield last Sunday. The children helped cook, deliver, and serve the food as part of their mission service for Sunday School. Their next project is Christmas caroling at the Renaissance Nursing Home in Westfield, Dec. 17th. Want to come along? Call 786-2445.

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## Parish News & Notes From St. John's

**GIVING TREE:** Once again, the Giving Tree was well received on the first weekend. Over 600 requests in the form of "booties" were on the tree when we began. We trust the last remaining ones will be gone by this weekend. We invite you to take one of these, fulfill the wish and return it to the Church by December 15th, wrapped, and with the "bootie" on the outside. We hope this program enriches all of us as it has for the past several years. The committee did another masterful job of obtaining the necessary information, and is all set to expedite the distribution on the 15th. **Remember: 12:00 noon on the 15th is a final time for gifts to be returned. After that hour, there is nothing we can do with the gifts.**

**CONFESIONS NEXT SUNDAY:** The Annual Penance Service for the Catholic Parishes of Town of Agawam is next Sunday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. here at St. John's. There will be several visiting priests to help with Confessions. A good time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the real hectic days get to us.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like your loved ones remembered in the purchase of our Christmas flowers, just put their name(s) on the special envelopes at the Church doors, and return it via the collection basket by December 17th. We will list the names on a poster in the vestibule and include them in the bulletin.

**MONTHLY MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST:** St. John's Guild will be hosting the final breakfast for this millennium year **NEXT** Sunday after the 9:30 Mass. What do you think about these attempts to get people to meet and get to know at least a few people? Why not let a member of our Parish Council know what your thoughts are on the subject.

**YOUTH CHOIR:** If any youth members of the Parish in **grades 5-10** are interested in singing or playing in our new Youth Choir, please contact Wayne Ball at 525-8957 or via e-mail at [wball@ix.netcom.com](mailto:wball@ix.netcom.com).

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** We have need of two seventh-grade Religious Education teachers for the next semester beginning in January. Why not give the Parish Office or Annette Reynolds a call at **786-8105**. The request for a twin stroller was quickly responded to. In the name of the recipient, we thank the kind giver.

**AGAWAM SINGLES:** The Singles meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be a pre-Christmas Party on Dec. 14th. Please bring a \$5 gift for the Yankee Swap. Info: JoAnn 789-0774 or John 786-2273.

## Agawam Church Of The Bible To Host Christmas Play

The Good News Gang from Agawam Church of the Bible will present its annual Christmas play this year, "Is it Really Christmas?" by Marjorie Kennedy, on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Agawam Junior High School.

All are invited to attend and share in this wonderful play free of charge. Come see the true gifts of Christmas enfold before your eyes and share some refreshments as well.

Our characters, Susie Spruce, Peter Pine, Jenny Juniper, Eva Evergreen, Polly Poplar, Angela the Angel, and many others eagerly await your arrival. Don't miss this very special treat.

For further information, contact Agawam Church of the Bible at 789-2904.

If you visit the Advertiser News' new office at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills (above Remillard Insurance), please note that our main entrance is in the back. Please park on the side of the building and use the back entrance. Thank you...

## News & Notes From Ag. Congregational

On Sunday, December 10th, at Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam), we will celebrate "Love," the Second Advent series service with Rev. Earl Eisenbach speaking on "The Reason for the Season." Stuart, Diane Kibbe and family will be lighting the Advent candle of "Love." We will also have the dedication of the Personal Care Kits.

The Church Family Advent Program begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be a pizza supper with the viewing of a Christmas video - "A Norman Rockwell Christmas Story," a special Christmas film with faith, hope and inspiration, starring James Callahan, Sky Rumph, and Kippy Kroh. One of Norman Rockwell's paintings comes alive when an old man and troubled boy share a special bond of hope.

During the morning worship, child care is available for infants and toddlers. The Senior Choir, with guest organist Helen Wyzga, will be singing "Angel's Carol" by John Rutter and "Love Came Down at Christmas" by Allen Pote. Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke (an ecumenical world-wide healing organization) and are available for prayer after the service. Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall.

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Men are invited to join the **Men's Prayer Time**,

## News From Faith Bible Church

Our **Building Dedication Service** will be held on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. at 370 Shoemaker Lane. All are welcome to come out and see why we are so excited. This project has been ongoing and we are all anxious to see the finished project. We hope many come and visit next Sunday.

We will be holding our annual **New Year's Fest** at the church on December 31st. Food, fellowship, music, games for the kids will be happening all night long. We will ring in the new year with great food, singing, preaching, and a great time with friends.

All are welcome to join us. More details to follow. Please join us.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, letters, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you.*

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**PAY OFF ALL OF YOUR CREDIT CARDS...** A good interest rate on your savings won't do any good if you're paying the average 18.7% on your credit cards. Look at it another way...suppose you had \$1,000 in savings and a \$1,000 credit card balance on a card that charges 18.7%. If you paid your annual \$186.60 credit card interest from your savings account, you would need to earn nearly 25% on your savings account just to stay at \$1,000. Also, don't forget, consumer interest is not tax deductible!

**LEARN MUCH MORE ABOUT INVESTING...** Con artists fleece unwary investors out of over \$40 BILLION each year, according to the North American Association of Security Administrators...though the cost in human suffering is far greater. Make it a point to learn all that you can about investing. Don't EVER invest in something that you don't understand.

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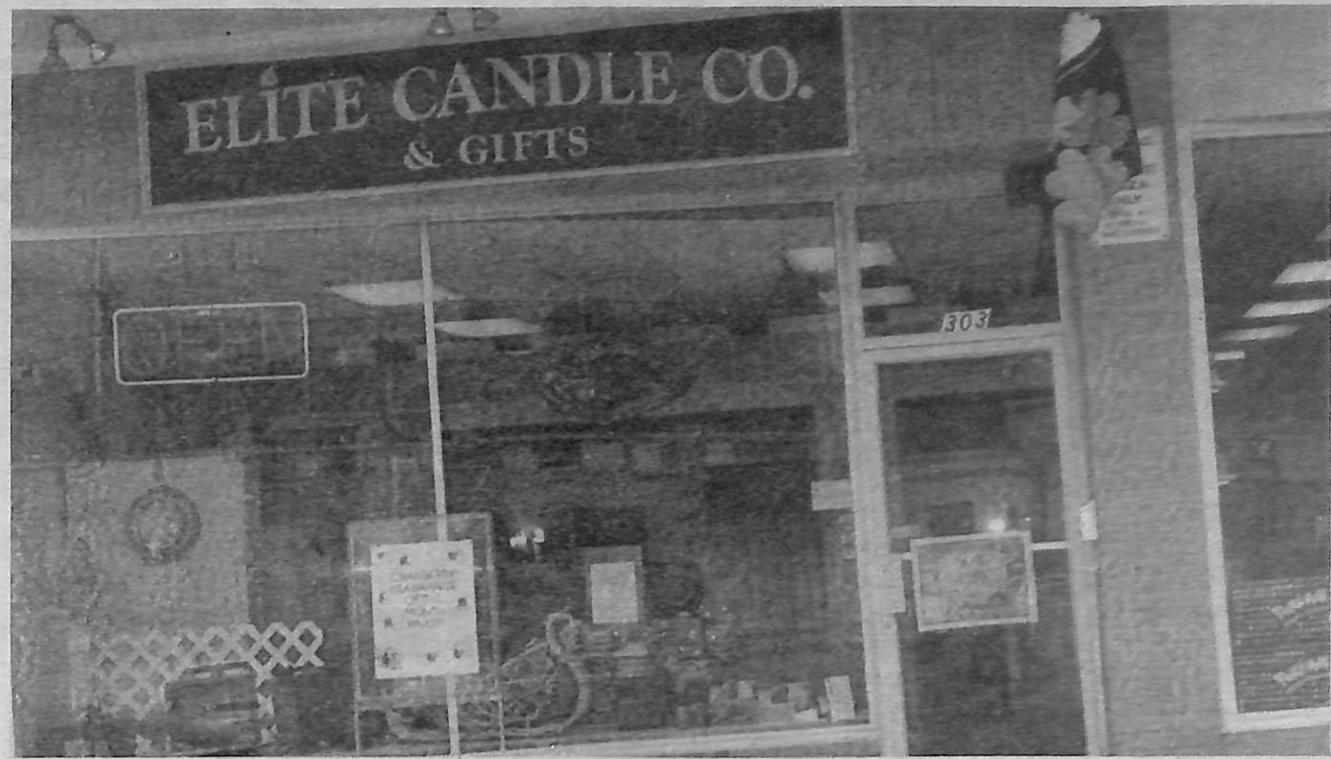
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Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and President/Founder of Rose Real Estate Group, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to him at 846-0961 or via his e-mail at RaymondRose@aol.com. Listen to his pre-recorded Home Buyer's Info-Line at 846-0923 and feel comfortable to contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter...it's filled with informative and money-saving info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!

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**ELITE CANDLE CO. & GIFTS**, 303 Springfield St., Agawam, carries a full line of candles and accessories, as well as gifts, greeting cards, and wrapping paper. It also offers one of the largest selections of candle toppers in the area. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Why Shop Malls When "Elite Candle Co. & Gifts" Has It All?

by **Kathy Shepard**  
Feature Editor

Ed "Nim" Shibley was born in Agawam and has lived here most of his life. "I was one of the originators of the Agawam Brownie Football Team," he told us. He built Shibley Court Apartments on Springfield Street and Lantern Court Apartments, also on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. He and wife, Julia, have raised six children and now have nineteen grandchildren.

About **Elite Candle Co. & Gifts**, his newest venture which opened last month, Shibley said, "We are a direct factory retail sales outlet of Pilgrim Candle Company in Westfield and of Main Street Candlery in Chicopee." Both of these outlets are owned by his son, Joseph, and Joseph's wife, Donna.

There is a full line of candles and accessories. **Elite Candle Co.** offers a wide selection of fine gifts, such as men's and women's colognes. **Elite Candle Co. & Gifts** is located conveniently at 303 Springfield Street, near Domino's Pizza, and has plenty of free parking.

"This month, there is 35 percent off on our candles with the fragrance of the month, which, in a timely fashion, is Hollyberry."

**Elite Candle Co. & Gifts** also sells a complete line of greeting cards, including a full line of Christmas cards. Currently, there is 50 percent off all greeting cards, including Christmas cards, thank-you cards, and other greeting cards.

Another exceptional step-saver and value, **Elite Candle Co.** provides an exceptional line of pewter collectibles.

Also for the convenience of local shoppers, wrapping paper for birthday and Christmas gifts can be found at **Elite**.

"We also have one of the largest selections of candle toppers in the area," Shibley pointed out. "And we take orders for party favors and special orders made up in candle baskets or any occasion."

"I was semi-retired and got tired of it. I wanted to do something with my time." He chose Pilgrim Candles as his supplier because they are considered one of the top candle brands available.

"They are shipped all over the United States, and even to Germany, a country with intensely high standards. I know many people in Agawam and have done a great deal of business with many of Agawam's businesspeople and they are such a nice group

of people. I would rather have my candle and gift shop here. I am looking forward to seeing my friends and family and to getting to know others from Agawam. It's a beautiful little shop. I invite people to come in. I am sure they will enjoy it," added Ed.

If there are questions for Ed "Nim" Shibley, his shop phone number is 821-9200.

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## Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue & Charlie Alvanos  
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### It's A Great Time To Plan A Retirement Career

For people planning a second career in retirement, the prospects have never been brighter. Today's retirees are in high demand due to tight labor markets across the United States. If working in retirement is something you've considered, chances are there's a job for you.

If working in your golden years appeals to you, you're not alone. A recent poll of baby boomers by AARP, an organization representing Americans over age 50, found that 80 percent of respondents expect to continue working in some way after they retire. Of those responding, 35 percent would work part-time because they want to, 23 percent expect to work part-time because they'll need the money; 17 percent plan to start a business in retirement, 16 percent plan to stop working, five percent would work full-time at a new job, and four percent are unsure about their plans.

**Work fulfills retirement needs.** As the survey

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suggests, the longer, healthier lives retirees are enjoying create some compelling reasons to consider a retirement career. One is that many people still feel energetic and want to keep learning, contributing and socializing at work. With retirement now often spanning decades, a life of rest and relaxation may not be enough for some people.

Another reason more people are considering working in retirement is simple economics: they'll need the money. Many boomers are finding out they haven't invested nearly enough for retirement. And even for those with investments and a pension to add to their Social Security benefits, maintaining living standards over an extended retirement may be a challenge.

**Opportunity aplenty.** Whether they want to work or have to work in retirement, retirees will find that many traditional workplace barriers to older people have been blown away by a roaring economy. Demand for skilled, educated workers is already high and expected to increase as the huge boomer generation, now age 35 to 53, begins to retire.

To keep or lure retirement-age workers, many employers are beginning to offer more generous pay and benefits and considerable flexibility in work arrangements. You may, for example, be able to work on a part-time or flex-time basis or even telecommute from your home.

**Getting what you want.** To realize the best retirement job opportunities, you'll have to keep updating your skills as our knowledge- and technology-based economy continues to evolve. Consider the following

tips to help maximize your retirement career.

**Update your technical skills.** Whatever second career you seek in retirement, it may require familiarity with computers, the Internet and related technology. Staying technologically savvy will help assure your continued employment.

**Follow your interests.** If you're going to work in retirement, make it enjoyable and interesting. Look into fields you've wondered about, talk to people in positions you're interested in and find out how to prepare.

**Set your work conditions.** Decide whether you want to work full-time, part-time, or on a seasonal or per-project basis. If social contact is one of your work objectives, you may want to work at an employer's location; otherwise, telecommuting or contracting may appeal to you.

**Consider a job's impact on your finances.** Income from your retirement career may push you into a higher tax bracket and, depending on your age, prompt a cutback in your Social Security benefits. As you plan your retirement, consult a knowledgeable financial advisor about how all retirement income sources - Social Security, a pension, investments, and a job - can work together to help provide the resources and satisfaction you want. And see your tax professional to discuss the impact of retirement income on your tax situation.

Working in retirement may not be for everyone, but if it's part of your retirement plan, the time to seek out a new endeavor couldn't be better.

## Legal Memo

by  
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### Negligence & Tort

#### Fall Into Stone Crusher

A large stone-crushing machine injured the plaintiff, who was 21 years-old at the time, while under the employment of the defendants.

After signaling to the operator to stop the machine (as the operator had allegedly been instructed to do if a large stone came close to the stone crusher), the plaintiff reportedly fell into the crusher mechanism and sustained severe personal injuries.

The plaintiff filed claims against the defendants alleging negligent training in the safe operation of the crusher. He also brought a products-liability claim, which is still ongoing, against the manufacturer of the machine.

The plaintiff's claims against the defendants were settled for \$2.1 million. The insurance carrier of the employer paid \$1.6 million, while the company from which the employer had leased the machine paid the remaining \$500,000.

In addition, as part of the workers' compensation claim, the insurance carrier agreed to waive its lien on bills incurred on or before June 1, 2000. The carrier also agreed to waive its rights to offset the plaintiff's future medical benefits for three years. As such, the insurance carrier will pay the plaintiff's full medical bills incurred as of June 1, 2003.

In exchange, the plaintiff settled his workers' compensation claim currently pending against his employer for \$1.00.

The settlement proceeds have been placed in an irrevocable discretionary trust to best deal with future medical, income, and housing needs, as well as estate tax issues.

**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.**

## Pam Savioli

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### Six Truths About Today's Marketplace Every Homeseller Needs To Know

**Truth #1:** Buyers buy after "shopping around." In their search for the best buy, they are comparing your property to the others currently on the market.

**Truth #2:** Sellers control the pricing and saleability of their homes, but buyers control VALUE. A property is worth what the market (buyers) will pay.

**Truth #3:** If a property sits on the market for more than a few weeks, it gets shop worn (stale, like an old donut). Price it right in the beginning while it is fresh and buyer interest is at its peak.

**Truth #4:** Most properties must be sold three (3) times.

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Second...to the buyers. If they don't see it as an attractive offering, they'll look elsewhere.

Third...to the lender who will make the loan and the lender's appraiser. If this group doesn't see the value...no loan.

### Truth #5: What it means if....

No Showings: Agents don't see your offerings as worthy of showing to their buyers. Or, buyers themselves aren't interested enough to look.

No Offers: Buyers don't see enough value to even negotiate or try to buy.

Truth #6: Overpriced properties actually help well priced properties sell.

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## Linda J. Polhemus Named Dir. Of Alumni Relations

Linda J. Polhemus of Feeding Hills has been appointed the Director of Law Alumni Relations at Western New England College School of Law. It was announced recently by Dr. Anthony S. Caprio, college president.

As director, Polhemus serves as a liaison between the law school and the alumni with reunions, networking events with students, educational opportunities, Board meetings, the alumni magazine, and fundraising. Her goals are to increase the number of opportunities for alumni to network with each other, faculty and students; to start a Continuing Legal Education series with the Massachusetts Bar Association; and to be responsive to the needs of alumni.

Polhemus holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts and is currently a Juris Doctor candidate studying at Western New England College School of Law.

She brings 20 years' experience in marketing and public relations and a particular expertise in event planning. She was regional manager for both the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Easter Seals and Director of Marketing for Franklin Medical Center.

For the past five years, she managed business development and admissions for local nursing homes. Other events include a Behavioral Health Symposium with record attendance, a 10-hour swim-a-thon, a gourmet Comedy Breakfast, an eight-day Open House for a hospital Emergency Department, and an outdoor Helicopter Dedication Ceremony and press conference.



### Domestic Law Issues...

From The Law Offices Of  
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#### Article VII

**Question:** My friend, Jane Doe, told me that when she received a divorce from her husband, John Doe, she changed her name to Jane Smith, even though her husband did not approve. I, too, am in the process of a divorce. I have two teenage children, and my husband says he refuses to allow me to change my name. I am undecided, but I think I want to begin using my maiden name, Joan White.

Can I legally change my name from Joan Smith to

Joan White when I get divorced?

**Answer:** Yes, the Probate Court Judge can grant you the right to change your name from Joan Smith to Joan White when the Divorce Nisi (temporary divorce) is granted. A Massachusetts Statute gives the judge the right to make this decision.

M.G.L. Chapter 208, Section 23 states that, "The Court granting a divorce may allow a woman to resume her maiden name or that of a former husband."

The judge is limited to the language in this particular statute; therefore, you could not make up another name. There is no separate filing fee or other paperwork required. The woman simply makes her request for name change in writing and her request is then allowed. However, if you wish to change your name to a name that is not your maiden name or the name of a former husband, you could file a separate legal action called a Name Change Petition, pay the appropriate filing fee, and follow that Court Procedure to change your name.

LINDA J. POLHEMUS

Ms. Polhemus also worked as an independent consultant writing marketing plans and publications for banking, retail, and healthcare clients.

Commenting on the appointment, Donald Dunn, Dean of the Western New England College School of Law, said, "Linda brings a breadth of experience to the Office of Law Alumni Relations, including events planning, fundraising, publications, marketing, and working with various types of clientele. We are delighted to have someone with Linda's skills working at our law school."

Joan White when I get divorced?

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MICHAEL CHAGNON

## Michael Chagnon Named Director Of Hotel Sales

The Don CeSar Beach Resort & Spa, Florida's legendary Pink Palace since 1928, announces Michael Chagnon as director of hotel sales. Born in Feeding Hills, Chagnon attended Agawam High School, class of 1983, and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and Johnson and Wales University.

Chagnon directs and manages the sales, marketing, advertising, and public relations efforts for both the resort and its sister property, The Beach House Suites by The Don CeSar.

A 20-year veteran of the hospitality industry, including nine years with Interstate Hotels, Chagnon brings a wealth of experience to the property. He began his hospitality career with Chez Josef in Agawam planning social and corporate events and later joined the Springfield Sheraton as corporate sales manager.

Chagnon most recently functioned as director of hotel sales at Marriott North in Ft. Lauderdale and Delta Meadowvale Resort in Toronto. Chagnon also served on task forces in both the Colony Hotel in Toronto and Marriott Grand in Moscow.

"The Don CeSar has a solid record of achievement receiving the AAA Four Diamond rating for 19 consecutive years," says Chagnon.

"I look forward to continuing this tradition through an outstanding sales team and exceptional associate performance, especially as we finalize our enhancements to the lobby and guest rooms as well as continue to improve our guest services."

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# For Your Health

From The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition...

## Some Helpful Suggestions And Tips On How To Safely Decorate Your Home This Holiday Season

Whatever way you celebrate the holidays, remember to take certain safety precautions to help keep the holidays safe, warns the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

Parents and caregivers are often very busy preparing for festivities and may forget to think about potential hazards in the home, warns the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition.

The local chapter of Safe Kids recommends the following safety tips to keep your holiday season safe:

### LIGHTS AND CANDLES

\* **Decorate your tree using only UL (Underwriters' Lab Inc.) approved lights and cords.** Inspect the lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections, or broken sockets. Use no more than three strings of lights on one extension cord, and never run an electrical cord under a carpet. Be sure to secure electrical cords so that children cannot pull them and topple the tree.

\* Turn off tree lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

\* Keep burning candles, matches, and lighters out of children's reach.

\* Do not place candles near draperies or anything that might catch fire.

\* After building a fire in the fireplace, always use a screen and never leave young children unattended in the room.

\* **Install smoke alarms in your home and test them once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.** Home fires and home fire-related deaths are more likely to occur during the cold-weather months.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

\* **Look for a fresh tree if you choose to buy a natural tree.** Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire

than older trees. (A safer option is to buy a fire-resistant, artificial tree.)

\* Keep live trees in a full container of water and check it daily.

\* Keep tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, or heating vents.

\* Trim lower branches to avoid eye injuries to small children.

\* Use a wide-based stand to keep your tree from toppling.

\* Cover the tree basin with a tree skirt.

\* **Decorate your tree with children in mind.** Do not put breakable ornaments, ornaments with small, detachable parts, or ornaments that look like food or candy on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Also, make sure tree lights are hung out of reach of young children.

\* Avoid using artificial snow sprays which can cause lung irritation.

\* Never burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood, or wrapping paper in your fireplace.

\* Dispose of your tree properly after the holidays.

### HOLIDAY FOODS AND ORNAMENTS

Some foods and objects pose a choking hazard to young children, especially children under age five. To help prevent unintentional choking during the holidays:

\* Keep round, hard foods and candies such as candy cane pieces, minths, nuts, and popcorn out of reach of children under age five.

\* Keep small ornaments, tinsel, small figurines, and other decorations away from children's reach. Young children have a tendency to put everything in their mouths.

### POISONS

\* **Keep poisonous plants of out reach.** Some poisonous holiday plants include: Amaryllis, Azalea,

Boxwood, Christmas Rose, Crown of Thorns, English Ivy, and Jerusalem Cherry. Watch for Holly and Mistletoe berries that fall on the ground because they are poisonous. Contrary to popular belief, Poinsettias are not poisonous, but they may cause skin irritation and intense gastrointestinal distress.

\* **Keep alcoholic drinks and containers out of reach.** Do not leave alcoholic drinks, such as eggnog that may contain alcohol, unattended since they may be harmful to young children if swallowed.

\* Keep common baking ingredients such as vanilla and almond extract out of reach. They contain high levels of alcohol and may be harmful to children if swallowed.

\* Beware of fire salts used in fireplaces to produce colored flames. They contain heavy metals and cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if eaten.

\* Dispose of colored wrapping paper immediately. It may contain lead and other materials toxic to small children if chewed.

\* **Open the flue in your fireplace when burning a fire to provide adequate ventilation.** The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning increases dramatically in the winter. Proper ventilation reduces the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Have all fuel-burning appliances checked annually before use in cold-weather months. Install UL-approved carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

\* **List poison control center and emergency medical service phone numbers by all telephones.** In addition, leave a phone number for babysitters so they can reach you if you go out to a holiday party.

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**A Most Alive Christmas:  
A Dilemma Of Love...****Dear Dan:**

After reading your Christmas story last week, I started thinking about some of my own and how I felt hurt, under-valued, or unseen most of the time as a child. So I thought I would write about the years since I have been married and how that experience has changed. But then I decided that the most alive Christmas for me to talk about is the one just around the corner.

I like to think that Christmas is a holy day. That it is not about commercialism and gifts really are not what

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matters. However, I find myself very distressed this year.

I have two sons age 18 months and three years. My three year-old is getting very excited about Santa, as my sitter took him to get his picture with Santa and talks about him a lot. I really don't mind, except that this year I have no shopping done yet. My husband is starting a new business and money is so tight, I could not afford to buy gas yesterday.

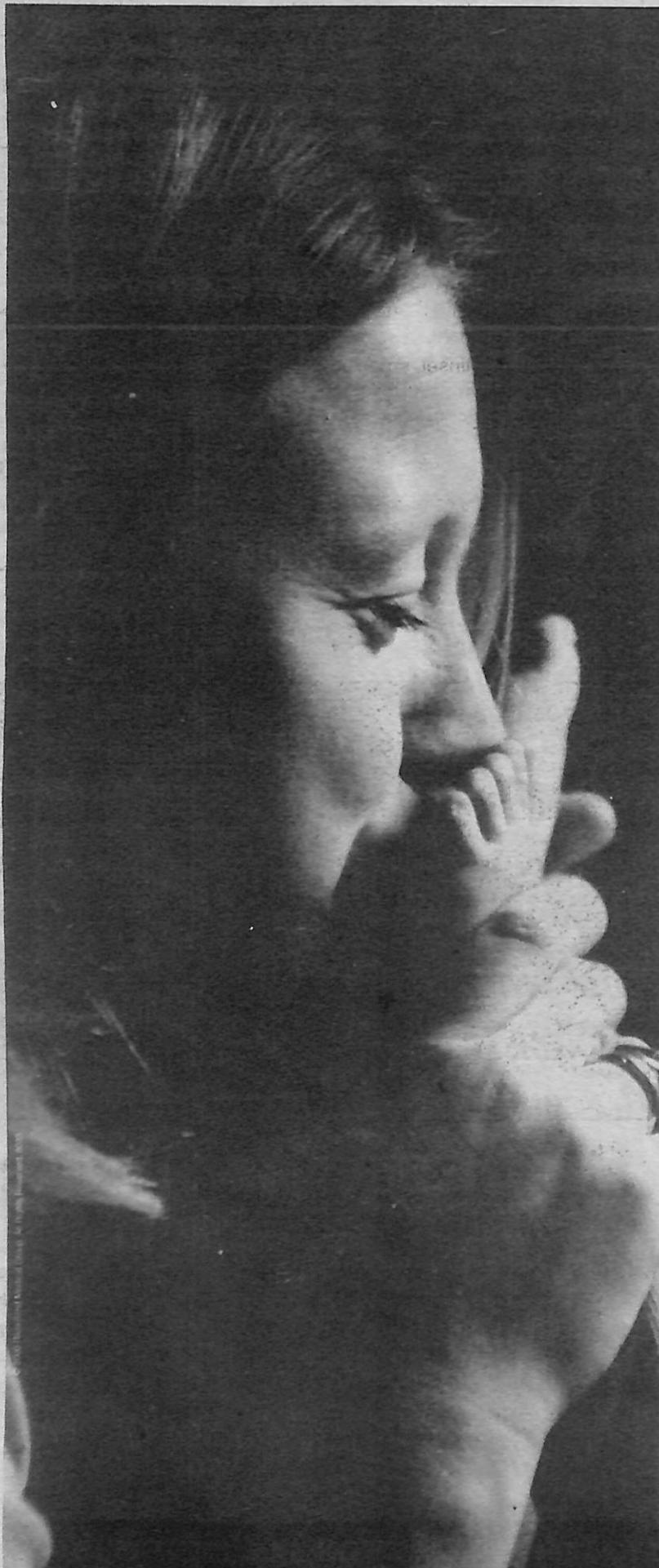
I love my children and I want them to experience Christmas as "abundant." I am moved to tears sometimes when I look in their eyes and feel my love for them. How did I suddenly get caught in feeling that I am inadequate because I cannot afford a lot of expensive gifts for my children?

Surely, this is not what God wants me to focus on when She sent Her Son to bring me Abundance. I am convinced that I do not have an inadequate amount of love for my children. How can I express my love for my little toddlers in non-material ways that will leave an impression on them and still not put us further in debt?

This is the dilemma I face as Christmas approach-

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es.

Last year, we celebrated with our favorite minister at a nearby church. He has been reassigned, so this year we are thinking of planning our own celebration at home. I am hoping that getting the kids involved in singing or acting or preparing for and participating in our home "liturgy," in some way, might be helpful. If you have any comments or suggestions, I would love to hear from you and/or your readers.

**Thank you - Brenda Wolpert**

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Please e-mail or write me with one of your holiday stories that you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise. Comments and suggestions for Brenda can be addressed to me and I will forward them to her.

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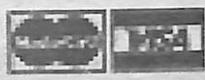
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### Trampolines...

If you're thinking of a trampoline for Christmas this year, you may want to re-think this decision. A recent study recommends a ban on the use of trampolines by children.

One study found trampolines were responsible for 6,500 pediatric cervical (neck) spine injuries in 1998 alone. While most of these injuries have been minor, catastrophic accidents occur with regularity. Between 1956 and 1987, more than 114 cases of quadriplegia related to trampoline use were reported in the medical literature.

The popularity of trampolines has waxed and waned in the U.S. over recent decades. Enthusiasm for trampolines is currently on the rise, and this is apparent in injury statistics. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, more than 83,000 trampoline injuries were treated at U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 1996. There was a 140% increase in trampoline injuries between 1990 and 1996.

Most serious neck injuries occur when a child lands on his or her head after attempting a flip. Most paralyzing injuries involve fracture dislocations of the lower neck.

The authors of this study (Brown PG and Lee M, Trampoline Injuries of the Cervical Spine, Pediatric Neurosurgery, 2000) recommend a complete ban on trampoline use for children. However, they do offer a set of guidelines for parents and children:

- \* Always have an adult spotter supervising the jumper
- \* Make sure the trampoline is well maintained; fabric and padding should be intact; the trampoline should be securely anchored to the ground.

- \* Never attempt a flip. Most serious injuries are related to landing on the head after attempting a flip.

- \* Always walk off the trampoline, never jump.

- \* Only one child should use a trampoline at any given time. Never have more than one jumper on the mat.

- \* Stay in control! Wild, out-of-control jumping leads to accidents.

If you have a trampoline or are planning on buying one, use it safely and wisely.

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# Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons with cancer, their families and friends, or persons who have lost a loved one to cancer, are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

The group offers information on topics of interest to people with cancer, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department.

A break-out group, designed specifically for those who have lost a loved one to cancer, meets on the first Monday of the month. A break-out group for caregivers, meets on the second Monday of the month. Private sessions are also available for young people who have a parent with cancer.

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### An Active Life Can Help Prevent Alzheimer's Disease...

Keeping active - physically or mentally - outside of work in the midlife years may help prevent Alzheimer's disease, according to a study presented at the American Academy of Neurology's 52nd Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, last spring.

Researchers found that people with higher levels of non-occupational activities - such as playing a musical instrument, gardening, physical exercise, or even playing board games - were less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease later in life.

"People who were less active were more than three times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease as compared to those who were more active," said Robert Friedland, M.D., a neurologist at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland, and primary author of the study.

This is the first study of its kind to examine levels of activity from at least five years before Alzheimer's symptoms appeared. The researchers used a questionnaire to collect data about participation in 26 activities (passive as well as intellectual and physical).

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office would like to emphasize that this study's findings also suggest that it is never too late to get started .. at least as far as intellectual activities are concerned. (SOURCE: American Academy of Neurology, May 5, 2000.)

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**"Classic" American Foods (Part 2 Of 2)**

Several classic American recipes were tested as part of a recent nutrition study conducted by the University of Massachusetts (UMass). The recipes were selected from well-known cookbooks such as *The Joy of Cooking* and *The Betty Crocker Cookbook*, as well as from on-line recipe sources, and represented a variety of dishes ranging from chicken a' la king and seafood okra gumbo to green bean casserole and peach-cherry crisp.

"We selected tried and true American recipes that allowed us to use a variety of ingredients - fruits, vegetables, beans, meat, chicken, and fish - in canned, fresh, and/or frozen forms," said Ken Samonds, Ph.D., nutrition study director and associate professor of human nutrition at the University of Massachusetts.

The study determined that the recipes using canned ingredients are similar in nutritional values and taste appeal to those made with fresh or frozen items.

"Our research found similar nutrient profiles of dishes made with canned and with fresh and/or frozen ingredients," said Samonds. "In fact, recipes made with canned ingredients are good sources of many nutrients, like recipes made with their fresh and frozen counterparts. The results also showed that recipes prepared with canned foods delivered favorably on taste, appearance, aroma, and texture."

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Ingredients:

No-stick cooking spray  
2-1/2 cups granulated sugar  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened  
1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin  
1 can (8-1/4 ounces) crushed pineapple in juice, undrained  
4 large eggs  
3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
1 teaspoon salt  
Powdered sugar (optional)

Tip: If desired, walnuts may be added. Prepare recipe as directed, stirring in 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts when adding dry ingredients.

Preparation:

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray two 8-1/2 x 4-1/2-inch loaf pans with cooking spray. In mixer bowl, beat together sugar and butter until blended. Add pumpkin, pineapple and eggs; beat well. Set aside. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, and salt; add to pumpkin mixture, mixing until dry ingredients are just moistened. Divide batter into prepared pans; spread evenly. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks; cool completely. Lightly sprinkle powdered sugar over tops, if desired.

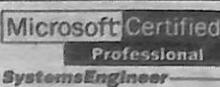
Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 1 hour

Servings: 16

**Nutritional Information Per Serving:** 312 calories; 8 g fat; 69 mg cholesterol; 360 mg sodium; 57 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 5 g protein.

**Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 850 Springfield St., Suite 4, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957. Accepting Tufts, Secure Horizons, and Harvard Pilgrim.**

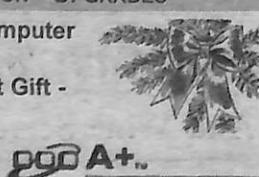


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"The Dangers of Empathy," a performance that dramatizes the pain, tragedy, and lighter moments of mental illness as experienced by a 12 year-old girl and her mother, will be performed at the Annual Meeting of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Western Massachusetts on Monday, Dec. 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield.

June Gross and Viesia Novosielski (now 21 years-

old) use song, poetry, movement, drama, and music to present Viesia's struggles for safety and stability.

Viesia Novosielski is a writer and artist affiliated with Gateway Gallery in Brookline, Mass. June Gross is a writer, journalist, editor, and former director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federation of Families and Children's Mental Health. They are accompanied by Andy Zimmermann, guitarist.

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## How The West Was Filmed...

Over the course of motion picture history, many versions of the West have been depicted. I've received a "reader's request" to review some Westerns. To illustrate my point, I have selected some Westerns from different eras (two of which star Clint Eastwood and were made close to three decades apart!). So saddle up, readers!

## \* "High Noon": 1952. Not rated.

Here is a classic Western. "High Noon" not only combines suspense with the Old West impeccably, but also boasts the talents of Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Lloyd Bridges, and Lon Chaney, Jr.

It's the sheriff's wedding day, and a cold-blooded gunman swears his vengeance against the sheriff (played superbly by Cooper). The tormented sheriff then has to decide whether to skip town or stay and face his aggressor. The villain is to arrive at noon.

Once this key plot detail is revealed, the film's suspense creatively begins. This proves to be director Fred Zinnemann's triumph with this film.

Much of the intensity of this film's suspense is the ever-present clocks that can be seen. Periodically, we see them ticking lifelessly closer and closer to noon. This tension-building device not only proves to be very clever, but very effective in creating angst with the audience that is waiting for the confrontation.

Now far be it from me to reveal an ending (especially a good one), so you'll just have to dodge the rolling tumbleweed en route to the video store to rent this 50's era western. **4 STARS.**

## \* "The Good, The Bad, And The Ugly": 1966. Not rated.

This is the ultimate Western/treasure hunt movie. Three men (described for better or worse in the title) embark on a journey to a Confederate graveyard where there is gold to be had.

Encompassed in this film are some spectacular shots of the West and its natural scenery; including some breathtaking panoramas and gorgeous pedestal shots. Also worth noting is the remarkably clear and steady photography during the horseback sequences.

True Western fans will adore this picture, while less enthusiastic viewers will find the tale a bit too long and drawn out. Nonetheless, it is well-made Western fare with its own unique approach in style.

Clint Eastwood heads the entourage as "the good." Veteran actor Lee Van Cleef plays "the bad," while Eli Wallach plays "the ugly." All three of these performances greatly aid in helping make this long film not seem so long. The final confrontation also proves to be worth the wait. What's more, it is obviously worthy

## Local Actors In New Christmas Musical



JUSTIN BUSHEY of Springfield and LAURIE CHMIELEWSKI of Agawam play Joseph and Mary in the Red Door Theatre's premiere of the rock musical "The Birth" by Michael Rheault. Justin (a freshman at Holyoke Community College) and Laurie (a senior at Agawam High School) were last seen together in Agawam High's 1998 production of "Oliver." Reunited again under the direction of Lyle Pearson and Margie Secora, they and a cast of 18 will re-tell the Christmas story from prophecy to fulfillment in this original and exciting new work. The production is scheduled to run on December 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, December 10th, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for senior citizens and children under 12 years of age. Reservations are strongly recommended by calling the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, (413) 789-2026.

to mention the now-classic theme to this film.

This film is sure to please any Western buff. You also get to see Clint Eastwood in his pre-"Dirty Harry" days, doing what he used to do so well - play a cowboy! You will, however, have to rent the film to find out who, very symbolically, ends up with the treasure. Sorry, pardners! **3 STARS.**

## \* "Unforgiven": 1992. Rated R.

I'm willing to bet that this is one film many of you have heard about but never actually have seen. Clint Eastwood marks a return to his Western roots as director and star of this tale about a crooked sheriff and a former outlaw.

Co-starring with Eastwood is Gene Hackman (who portrays the crooked sheriff), along with Morgan Freeman and Richard Harris. Eastwood himself plays the outlaw who wants nothing more than to bring down the corrupt sheriff.

The story may seem quite elementary, but rest

assured that there are plenty of twists and turns to keep you on the edge of your saddle ... er, I mean seat! "Unforgiven" received much-deserved Oscar recognition in 1993 for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor (Hackman), and Best Editing, thereby positioning itself as a contemporary classic of the Western genre of film.

"Unforgiven" remains faithful to the popular genre of yesterday using the movie-making technology of today. So on your way home from the saloon, stop and pick up this great film. It'll sure put the bite back in your whiskey ... yep, it shuure will! **4 STARS.**

\* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: **5 STARS**  
- Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

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THE MAJESTIC DIVAS (from left - Amy Rist, Jamie Liddell, and Christine St. Amant) will be performing at the Majestic Theater on Friday, December 15th, at 8:00 p.m. For tickets and further information, call (413) 747-7797.

## The Majestics & Divas To Perform In Concert

The Theatre Project will present The Majestics and The Majestic Divas in concert December 14th-16th at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield.

The Majestics, the "house band" of the theater, will take the stage on Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. In between the two evenings, on Friday, December 15th at 8:00 p.m., The Majestic Divas will entertain.

Several members of The Majestics are actors and musicians from *The Buddy Holly Story*, which was the first production at the recently restored Majestic Theater in March of 1997. The group's close friendship and musical capabilities led them to continue on

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as a performing band that specializes in late 1950s and early 1960s rock and roll classics.

The Majestics have played at several area events, including WestSide's Taste on the Common, The Big E, The Taste of Westfield, and several regional fairs and private functions.

Tickets for these performances are \$10 and \$12 and can be obtained by contacting the Majestic Theater box office at (413) 747-7797. Walk-in box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00-8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The Agawam Advertiser News. Thank you...

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## Artwork Collection Of Christina Nieves To Be On Display

Esperanza, fine art by Christina Impoco Nieves, will be on display at The Gallery at Mount St. Vincent's, 35 Holy Family Rd., Holyoke from Dec. 11th through Feb. 11, 2001.

The display includes a collection of artwork which reflects a delicate sense of hope and inner movement. Originals and reproductions in charcoal, pastel, and watercolor illustrating themes of Judeo-Christian faith and elements found in the natural world will be on display.

Christina is a member of the Agawam Community Artists. A reception will be held December 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

## Candace Flaherty Selected As A Hippodrome Dancer

Candace Flaherty, a student at Shooting Star Dance Center, auditioned to be a Hippodrome dancer this fall. The Hippodrome is a new club in downtown Springfield.

Congratulations to Candace for being picked as one of their dancers. Shooting Star wishes Candace the best of luck!

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## SSO & Chorus To Present "Holiday Pops" Concerts

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will deck the Hall with boughs of holly and bows of instruments as they present their traditional Holiday Pops concerts on Saturday, December 9th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. WGGB-TV NEWS 40 anchors Beth Carroll and Dave Madsen will emcee the Holiday Pops; Ms. Carroll will be on hand Saturday evening and Mr. Madsen on Sunday.

Resident Conductor Lipsitt has programmed a concert filled with old favorites and new selections. The orchestra, choruses, and audience will conclude the concert with an old-fashioned sing-a-long, attended by a special visitor in a red and white suit!

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will be led by Resident Conductor Steven Lipsitt, who begins his fourth season as Chorus Director. In addition to his Springfield responsibilities, he serves as Music Director for the Boston Classical Orchestra and is a frequent guest conductor in the United States and abroad. Lipsitt is an active opera conductor and a devoted trainer of young musicians.

The Saturday event is sponsored by Fleet; the Sunday afternoon concert, by American Saw & Mfg. Co. WGGB/NEWS40 is media sponsor for both events. New and unwrapped toys for Head Start organizations throughout the Pioneer Valley will be accepted in the lobby during each concert.

Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (VISA, MasterCard, Discover) by calling 413-733-2291. Tickets range from \$9 to \$39 and are half-price for youths age four to 17. A 25% discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

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# "The Food Dude"

by John Walters



## Let's Fire Up Those Ovens...

Did you know you can send in recipes to me at P.O. Box 741 Agawam, MA 01001?

The cold days are in full swing now, so fire up those ovens. Do some baking. Roast some meats. Cook for the family the meals they have missed all summer long.

**Chicken parmesan:** Buy some boneless skinless chicken breast from the meat outlet on Avocado Street. Cut in half lengthwise. Now pound them out. Dip in an egg wash and evenly coat with bread-

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crumbs. Here is my secret - add a little red pepper to the breadcrumb mix. I use 1C breadcrumbs (the Italian seasoned type). Add 1/2C all-purpose flour, black pepper, salt to taste, and 1/2C Romano cheese. There is your breading. Lightly sauté in olive oil 'til golden brown. Arrange in a baking dish and cover with sauce. Now add your mozzarella and bake at 350 degrees 'til mozzarella is bubbling. Do not overcook. Serve with pasta.

**Stuffed shells:** Use the large shells cooked al dente. Fill with a ricotta filling; you can do this by the amount of shells you're making, so follow this formula loosely. Combine ricotta cheese, eggs, Romano cheese, parsley, salt & pepper, nutmeg, and a pinch of oregano. Arrange in a baking dish. Cover with sauce and bake at 350 degrees 'til cheese is bubbling. You might need some garlic bread with this, so here we go.

Cut a loaf of bread into thick slices, but not all the way through. In between, add unsalted butter, garlic,

and dill. Sprinkle the top with a little mozzarella, wrap in foil, and place in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove and let rest on the table while everybody comes to be seated.

You can use finely-chopped onion if garlic is not to your liking. Of course, if you don't like garlic, we will have to have a long talk with you to expound on the finer things of life. Garlic taste good and it's good for you. Try roasting garlic; cut off the top, sprinkle with black pepper and olive oil, and roast 'til the outside is golden. After allowing to it to cool slightly, squeeze this on your bread (ooh, isn't that good?).

My radio show is moving; I will be on WMAS AM 1450 very soon. Look for a big announcement when I am sure of the date and times. Check out my websites on your computers ([www.foodduderadio.com](http://www.foodduderadio.com) and [www.springfieldsouthend.com](http://www.springfieldsouthend.com)) and my newest ([www.johnwalterswebcities.com](http://www.johnwalterswebcities.com)).

Remember, it's not what you're eating, it's with whom your dining. I'll have more for you next week.

## Neil Simon Comedy At The Majestic

The Theater Project will present the Neil Simon comedy, "Proposals," through December 9th at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. The play follows the funny and bittersweet moments of a family in the midst of its final visit to a beloved vacation cottage in the Poconos.

Several Theater Project veterans are in this production, including Dick Volker ("All My Sons," "A Few Good Men"), Ed Carey ("Man of La Mancha," "Side Show"), Julius Lewis ("Driving Miss Daisy"), Joni Cossaboom ("Man of La Mancha," "Side Show"), John Hart ("The Winter's Tale," "All My Sons"), and Amy Rist ("Man of La Mancha," "Side Show"). Other cast members include Cheryl La Riviere and Douglas James Reynolds. Local theater veteran Jeanine Haas is the director.

Friday and Saturday evening shows start at 8:00 p.m., and weekend matinees are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$12 to \$20, depending on date of show, and can be obtained by calling the box office at (413) 747-7797.

Walk-in box office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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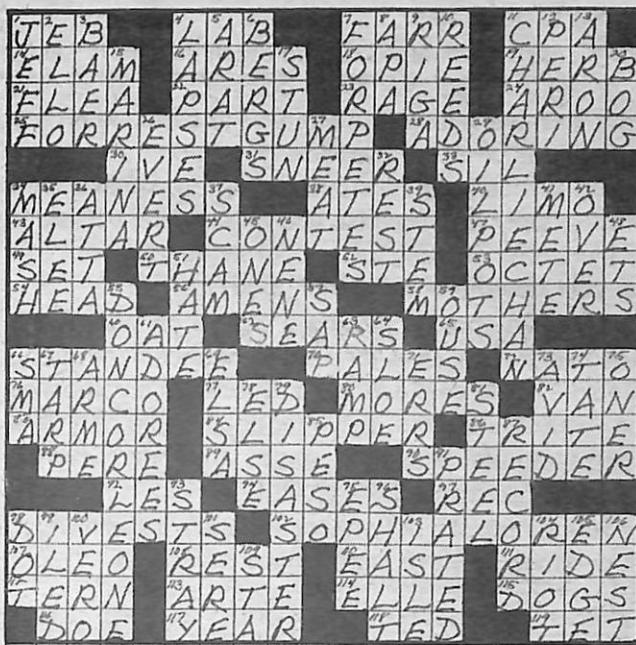
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 30 Quaker William  
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 32 Musical concludes  
 35 Myra Hess  
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 40 Bullring huzzahs  
 41 Spanish bull  
 42 One of the four elements  
 43 Mr. Baba  
 44 Pod occupant  
 45 Horse's gait  
 46 Flower holders  
 47 Soft French cheese  
 48 Platoon member  
 50 Field worker  
 51 Moved fast  
 52 The best  
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 54 Boy (Sp.)  
 55 Ward off  
 57 Kitchen tool  
 58 Playing card  
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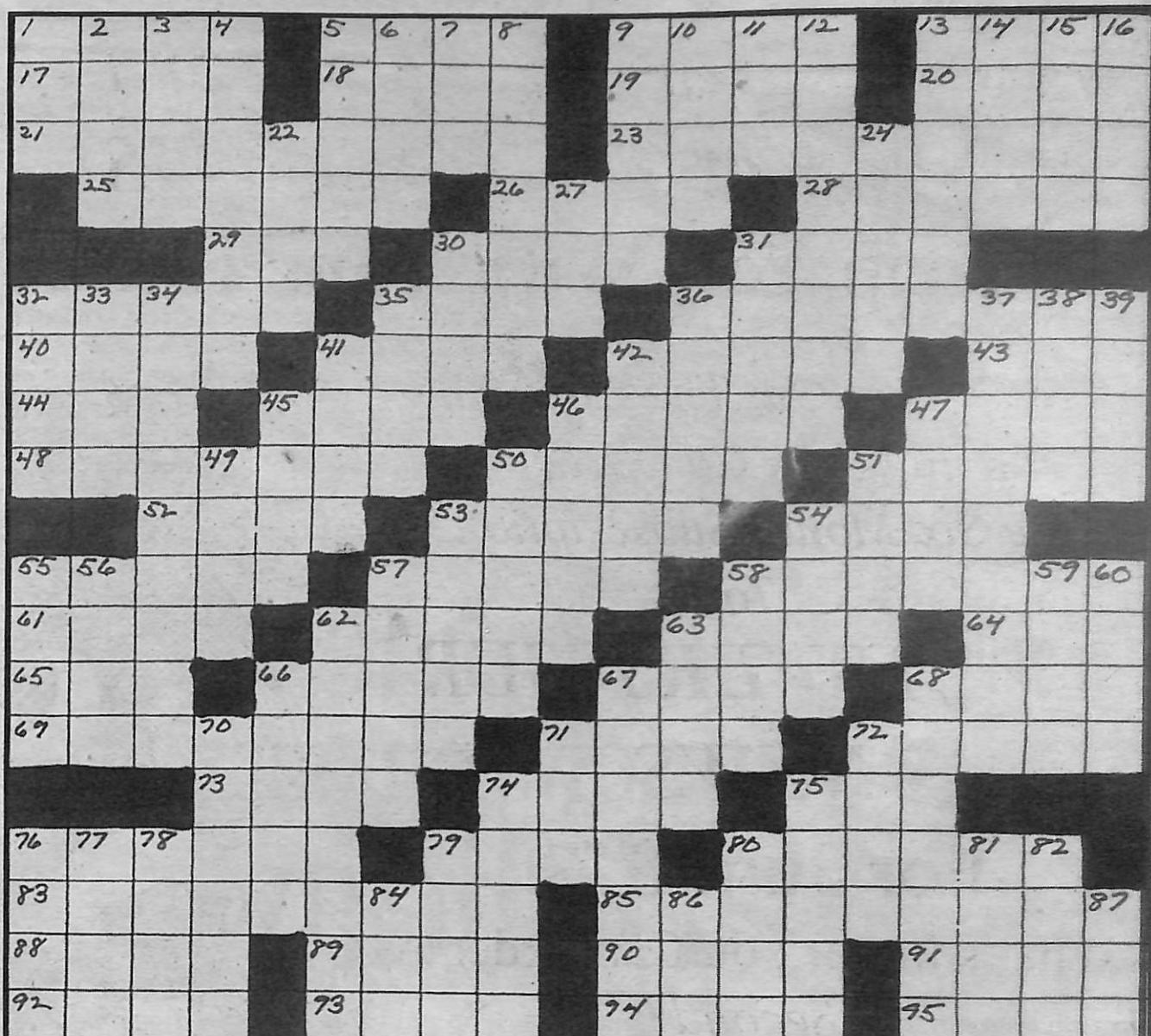
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## "Financial Aid Night" At AHS

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### \* "FINANCIAL AID NIGHT"

Agawam High School has scheduled its annual "Financial Aid Night" for Tuesday, December 12th, in the senior high cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Lee Sirois, retired Financial Aid Director from AIC, will guide all participants through the various line items on both the profile and the "Free Application For Student Financial Aid" forms.

There will also be ample time for individualized questions on these forms.

If you have never dealt with financial aid, it is essential that you add this night to your event calendar. The night might also prove valuable to you seasoned veterans, as the forms and rules change yearly.

## Christmas-Theme Face Painting At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills kids of all ages are welcome to get their faces (or hands) painted with a Christmas theme by face-painting artist Sandy Cripps.

Sandy will be at her table in the library on the following dates and times:

Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; Monday, Dec. 18th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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## "Mona Lisa" Visits Granger School



FIRST-GRADE STUDENTS IN ANNE LIPTAK'S CLASS at Granger School were treated with a visit from "Mona Lisa" in conjunction with their science unit, "Kinds of Living Things." The llama is owned by student Kara Peter's family and was brought to school by Kara's mom, Diane. Pictured above with Mona are the students in Room 17 along with Ms. Liptak (left) and first-grade teacher Allison Katz (right).

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**SENIORS:** First Honors: Adam Szymanski, Keith Sullivan, Brendon Pohnor; **Second Honors:** Anne-Marie Audette

**JUNIORS:** Second Honors: Taryn Albano, Daniel O'Neill

**SOPHOMORES:** First Honors: Elizabeth Haire; **Second Honors:** Johanna Masotti, Mary Elizabeth Jamroz, Kevin Welch; **Commendation:** Maeghon Guidetti.

**FRESHMEN:** **First Honors:** Angela Vinton; **Second Honors:** Ashley Abbott, Thomas Depalo, Leigh Stepanian

## Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

**College Acceptances:** Congratulations!

**Corey Hobbs:** University of Hartford, Bryant College

**Peter Drewniak:** Daniel Webster College

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

**Massachusetts D.A.R. Scholarship:** Open to U.S. citizens who are residents of Mass. An applicant must be a senior who ranks in the upper 10% of his/her class and who plans to attend a college or technical school next year. **Deadline:** April 10, 2001.

**National Kidney Foundation Scholarship:** Open to graduating seniors who have active kidney disease or who are immediate relatives of a person with active kidney disease.

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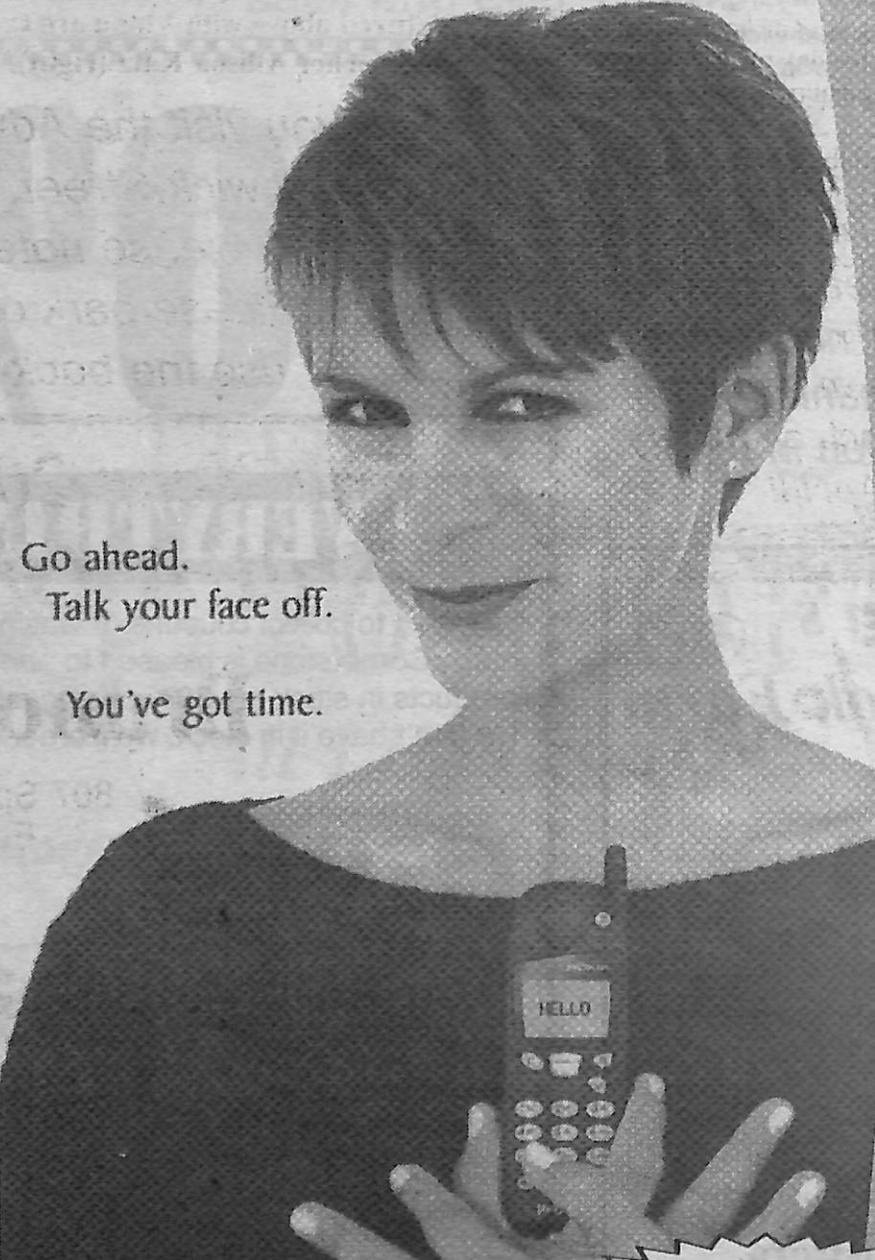


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## Pack 78 Visits Fini's Farm



**LIONS, TIGERS, & BEARS. OH MY!** No, it's the Tigers, Wolves, and Bears from Pack 78 of Feeding Hills Congregational Church enjoying an afternoon at Fini's Farm. Front row (from left) - Byron Siegars, Stephen LaFlamme, Duke Pycko, Tyler Farrington, and Brian Martel. Back row (from left) - Bradford Siegars, Dominic Carraturo, Shane Farrington, Jeffery Smith, Matthew Mason, Nicholas Cormier, Michael Mariani, and Nicholas Vecchiarelli.



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Boy Scout Troop 82 will have a pasta dinner and reunion on February 10, 2001. The Troop has been associated with the Agawam Congregational Church for the past 40 years.

Anyone who is a "Friend of Scouting" is invited to attend. Remember your fun-filled days as a Scout? If so, come and support the Troop, meet your old friends, and share some memories. Past members of the Troop, along with family and friends, are encouraged to attend.

Troop displays and scouting memorabilia will be available for viewing. Commemorative hats and patches can also be purchased.

For information and tickets, please call Jim Shaw at 789-1473, Mark McLaughlin at 1-413-323-6375, Joe Longo at 1-413-858-2545, or Paul Jensen at 786-4382.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Mon., Dec. 11th:** Steamed frankfurts in roll, potato rounds, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches, milk.

**Tues., Dec. 12th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey and mayonnaise, seasoned carrot coins, whipped potatoes, bread.

**Wed., Dec. 13th:** Beef dippers w/dipping sauce, steamed rice, niblet corn, bread & butter, fruit cup or chocolate pudding w/topping, milk.

**Thurs., Dec. 14th:** Oven-roasted turkey, whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots, dinner roll, fresh apple or chocolate cake w/icing, milk.

**Fri., Dec. 15th:** Super taco boat w/cheese topping, niblet corn, applesauce, mild taco sauce, pineapple tidbits or strawberry Jello w/topping, milk

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AHS Guidance  
Office...*  
by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

### Presence, Not Presents

Now that the holiday season is in full swing, people's thoughts turn to gift-giving and mall-shopping. I am no exception. The other night, I went to the mall and found the place was jumping. People were discussing what to get for this one and that one. Bargains were being grabbed up and lists were being checked off.

As I was waiting in a long line to purchase several items, I began thinking about the word "presents." Then, my mind wandered to the word "presence." Yes, I know. These two words sound alike, yet they have such different meanings, so I began to think about these homophones and the impact each has on a person's life.

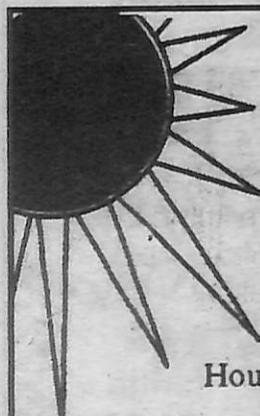
We all do like to receive presents, but are they really the primary things that we want, the things that will bring us the most joy? I don't think so. For the moment we are thrilled with the gift, but that feeling is fleeting. Think about the child who has a room filled with stuffed animals, perhaps the state-of-the-art technology, and the best musical instruments that money can buy. Every day, the child goes to her room, plays with the sundry things that she finds there, but doesn't find real enjoyment in them.

What's the problem? The problem is that her folks are away a lot working and when they are home, they really don't include her in many of their activities. What she really wants is their presence, not their presents. She wants to feel needed; she wants them there to discuss problems and everyday happenings with her. Simply restated, she wants them around.

Sometimes parents feel that they can "buy" their children's affection. The parents know that they are busy and unable to spend too much time with their offspring, so they feel that presents will make up for their presence. Unfortunately, presents do not communicate. Presents do not give the warmth and nurturing that is needed.

I know it's hard with some people's work to be able to always be present, yet I do feel that parents can make an effort to be present more than sometimes.

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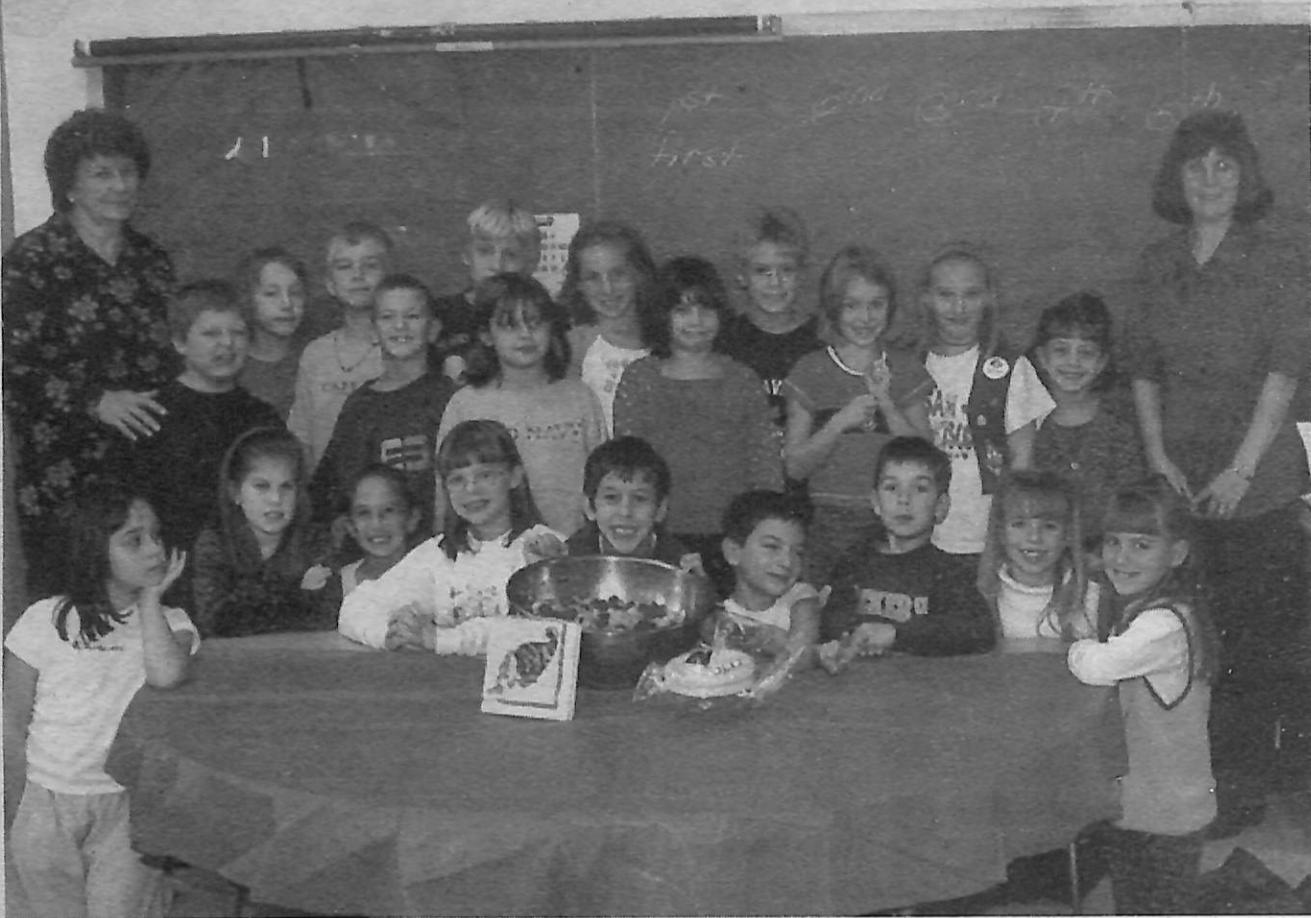
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they are. Frankly, I don't think the parents are really aware that their children may need them around more often, since many times, youngsters do not share this feeling with their folks; many times the youngsters are not really aware of why they are feeling so unhappy. Often, the children retreat to their rooms anyway. Other times, they may be aware, but they also know that their parents are working hard and they don't want to upset them and appear selfish by wanting them around. Yet, whether the children are inside of their rooms or not, there is comfort just knowing their parents are home.

I'll never forget going to my son's athletic games. Many times, I would be exhausted after work, yet I would drive all over to surrounding towns in order to stand and cheer in the cold, wind, hot sun, and/or stuffy gymnasium. Looking around, I would often notice children peering into the crowd trying to see if their folks had come to witness their performance.

How chagrined they often were to find them absent. I remember poignantly one encounter with a player. After the basketball game, the parents came running out on the floor, seeking out their children, and hugging them and praising them.

The game had been close, our team had hung in there and victory was ours at last. I embraced my son, then looked at the young man next to him. Clearly, no one was there to hug him, so I leaned forward, enveloped him, and told him how proud I was of his performance and how lucky my son was to have him as a teammate.

The boy told me that he wished his dad had seen his performance, but it was too difficult for Dad to get to any of his games. How sad! How much the father was missing! Any presents he may have bestowed upon his son would never mean as much to him as his presence.

Presence or presents...they sound alike, but that's where the similarity stops. Presents are nice, but presence is lasting.

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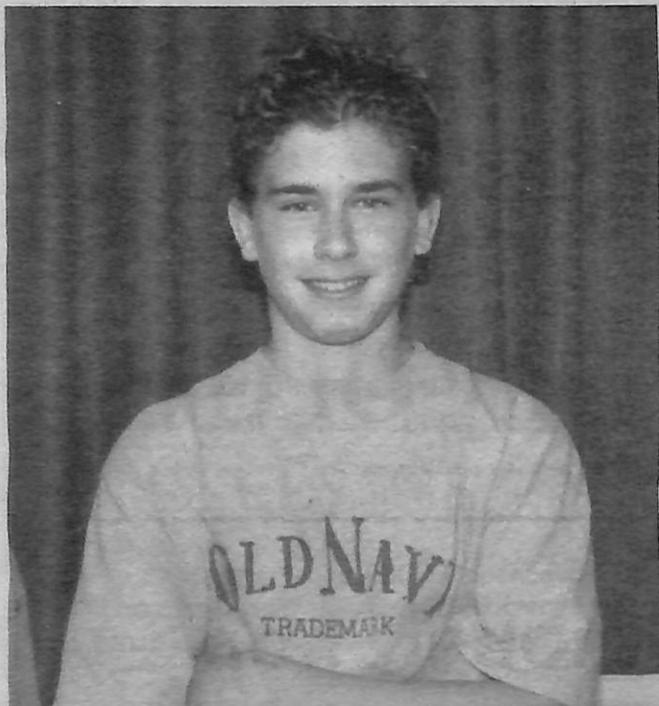
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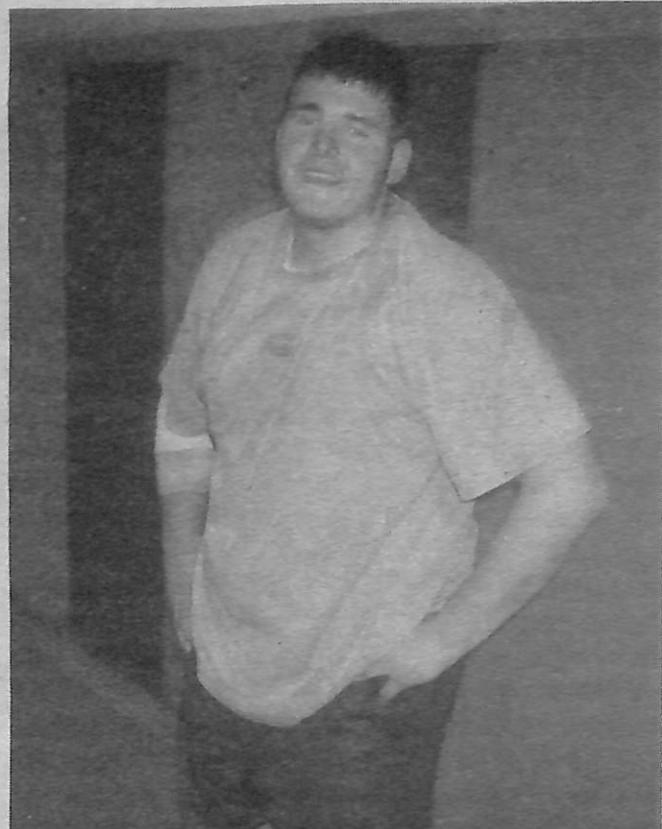
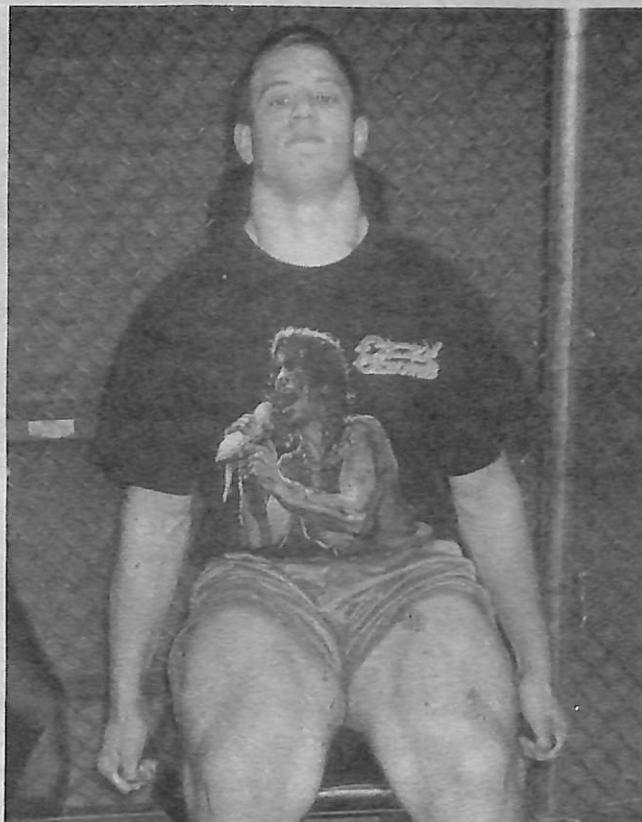
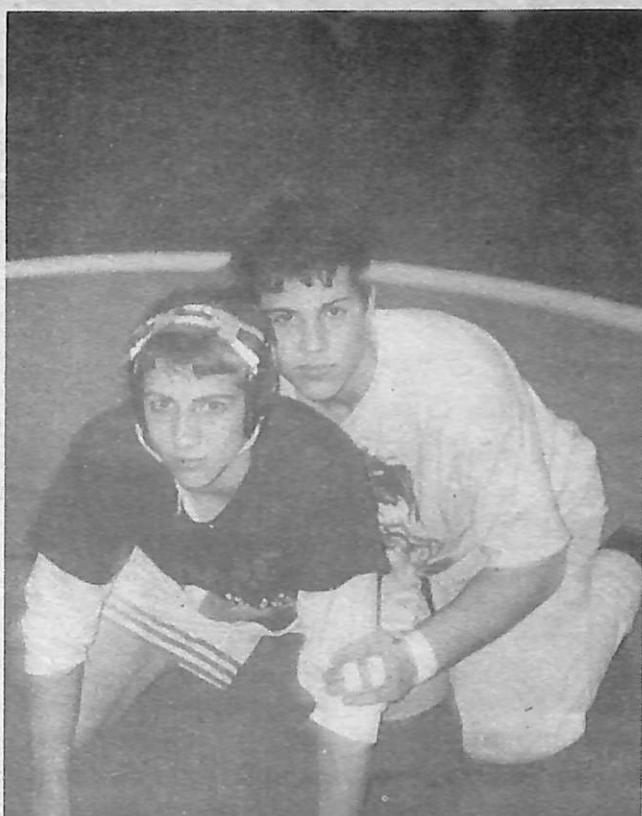
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# Sports



AARON GILBERT AND COREY FEDERICO (left photo) practice on the mats in anticipation of the schoolboy wrestling season, where Agawam High figures to be one of the top teams in 2000-2001. IN CENTER PHOTO: Agawam High wrestler Brian Pedersen works out in the weight room during pre-season preparations for the upcoming schoolboy season. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Heavyweight Josh Abraham is one of the kids Coach Kirk Parker is counting on this season. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

## AHS Winter Sports Season Opening Next Week

Parker Fielding Strong Wrestling Team...

### AHS Takes To The Mats With Plenty Of Guns

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The 2000-2001 Agawam High wrestling team welcomed over 40 kids to pre-season practice this year.

The group consisted of 15 freshmen, six sophomores, nine juniors, and 11 seniors. The turnout pleased second-year Coach Kirk Parker. "Yeah, last season 30 showed up and we ended the year with 22. So the numbers are good."

Last season, the Brownies went into the Western Mass. Tournament with a 9-4 overall record and an 8-1 slate in Class A, second to Ludlow. Agawam would finish fourth in the tournament behind the champion Lions, West Springfield High, and Minnechaug. Parker believes with the kids they have this year, they could move up a notch or two and maybe even take the whole thing.

Looking at the area foes he must face this year, several jumped out at him. "Central should be powerful. Ludlow, despite losing some top-notch kids (five from the All-Western Mass. first team and one from the second team), will be tough again. West

Springfield is always a force, and Longmeadow should be a factor as well," he noted.

Agawam will open its season on Wednesday, December 13th, against visiting Amherst. The coach feels his team will get its first big test in its next battle - the Milford Tournament.

In that one, they'll not only face familiar teams from Western Mass., but also squads from the central part of the state and the Boston area.

Despite losing some big guns from last year's squad, especially All-Western Mass. and All-State champion Dave Moore (now wrestling well in the 125's at Bridgewater State, according to the coach), the Brownies should have quality talent in every weight class.

The freshmen are especially impressive, says Parker.

Because of Agawam's excellent youth wrestling program run by Parker and Dan Sullivan, they appear

to be well-schooled in the fundamentals, so the coach and his two capable assistants (Rich Burke and Ryan Greolis) didn't have to waste valuable practice time teaching them the ropes.

At a recent practice where one and all labored hard and long, the coach commented on who will work where once the season starts.

Freshman **Ryan Sullivan**, who has been wrestling in the youth program for three years, will anchor the 103's.

**Eric Hogan**, a junior, should get the nod in the 112's, a spot he occupied last season. Hogan came in second in that weight class in last year's Western Mass. Tournament and earned a spot on the All-Western Mass. second team. Two juniors, Andy Korney and Bryan Ghedi (both veterans) will battle for the 119 spot. Ghedi, wrestling up in weight this year, came in fourth in the 103's at Western Mass. It will be

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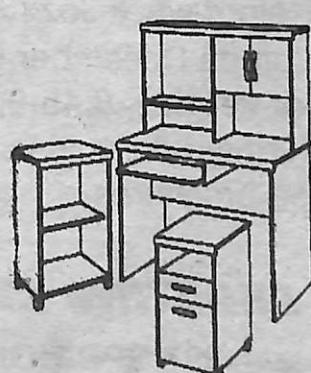
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impossible to replace Moore in the 125's, but a few kids will give it a go, according to the coach.

Newcomers Ken Eggleston and former East Longmeadow High wrestler Darrell Thomas (his family moved to Agawam) will have a shot. Veteran Adam Blackjack, a sophomore, and Brian Pilegi (also a sophomore and a veteran) will be in the running as well.

The 130's will see Thomas wrestle there if the logjam in the 125's becomes too tight.

The 135's will be a battle every week, with Eggleston, junior veterans Steve Kunkler and Rich Montagna, and senior veteran Luke Cardone fighting for the spot. Montagna missed most of last season with a badly injured elbow, but he is ready to go this time around.

## Strong Middle Weight Classes...

Traditionally, Agawam has always been strong in the middle weight classes. This year is no different. All-Western Mass. second team standout Aaron Gilbert (135's) will anchor the 140-pound spot. Gilbert, also a soccer star, injured an ankle towards the end of that season, but according to Agawam High athletic trainer Dave Stratton, the veteran senior is fit and ready to rumble.

Another veteran and member of the All-Western Mass. second team in wrestling, Cory Federico

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(140's), will go in the 145's.

Senior veteran Mike Hill has the nod in the 152's.

The 160-pound spot is up in the air, with several kids vying for the job. Right now, according to Parker, veteran sophomore Bruce Leclair and newcomer John Wollmershauser (a freshman) are fighting for it.

Football star Nick Beaudette has the 171 position nailed down. The senior wrestled at 171 last season. "I was up to 175 pounds during the football season, and when that was over I went on a diet and got down to 168, where I am right now. So I can afford to eat a little bit and still maintain my weight," Beaudette said the other day after practice.

Parker has a problem in the 189's - a very enjoyable problem. He has two fine wrestlers vying for that weight class: junior veteran Brian Pedersen and senior John DeCaro, the Brownies' All-Western Mass. and All-State soccer goalie. DeCaro wrestled as a freshman and sophomore, but he took his junior year off. Now, to Parker's delight, he is back in the fray.

Both Pedersen and DeCaro can also wrestle up a class, so whichever one goes in the 189's, the other will hop to the 215's.

Heavyweight, perhaps the most compelling of all the classes, will see a couple of kids trying for the job: Matt Lyons, a newcomer, and 6'4", 275-pound Josh Abraham.

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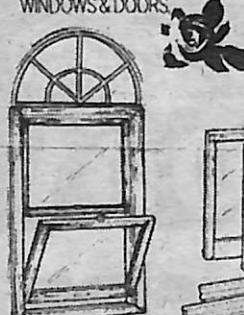
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# Bronwyn Monahan Takes The Reins As New Boss Of The Agawam High School Girls' Hoopsters

by Dave Rollins

Sports Editor

The 2000-2001 edition of the Agawam High girls' basketball team will start the campaign with a new coach at the helm - Bronwyn Monahan. She takes over for the storied Lou Conte, who coached the club for 15 seasons and rang up more than 200 wins.

Monahan played for Cathedral and then attended Holy Cross, playing basketball there for four years before graduating in 1995.

After her days as a Lady Crusader, she coached two years of junior varsity ball at Wilbraham-Monson Academy and one year with the Longmeadow High junior varsity before returning to Cathedral, where she was the varsity girls' coach for three seasons.

She led the Panthers to the Valley League Championship in the 1998-99 season. She also coached girls' basketball at the Baystate Games for two seasons.

Monahan teaches English at Agawam High and comes highly recommended by Conte, who is now the Agawam High School athletic director.

She inherits a team that went 11-9 last season, got a number five seed in the tournament, and went out, 51-43, in the first round to fourth-seeded East Longmeadow.

Her philosophy of coaching is pretty straightforward. "Many things in basketball apply to life, like the joy of accomplishment, teamwork, and dealing with adversity. I constantly try and remind the kids just how lucky they are and to enjoy their time in the game," she told us.

Traditionally, Agawam has been a running team, although last year Conte employed a more deliberate attack that worked the clock. "Yeah, that won't change. We'll push it up like the old days. But from what I've seen in the pre-season, these kids, because

of their ability to shoot, can also handle the half-court offense. So we're covered whichever way we decide to go at any given time," the coach noted.

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On defense, she'll continue another of the Brownies' traditional strong points - the press. "They have great anticipation, which is something you must have with that type of defense. We'll get points off turnovers for sure. Then we'll go man-to-man.

"Also in the mix will be some zone, like a two/three match-up or a one/two/two. We won't let someone's offense get too comfortable with what we'll show them," she added.

If there's one special challenge that Monahan will face, it would have to be following in Conte's footsteps. Conte has long been considered one of the top coaches, if not the best, in the region.

"Those are big shoes to fill. He fielded some excellent teams year after year," she smiled, remembering their 57-37 regular-season loss to the Brownies last year at Cathedral's gym.

But this will be a time for her to display what she feels are her strengths to help with the transition. "I feel I connect well with the players. After all, I'm not that far removed (age-wise) from them. And I got a great education in coaching during my junior year at Holy Cross. I hurt an ACL very early and was out for the season. But I attended every practice and got a chance to see the coaches work without having to worry about what I was supposed to do on the floor. I saw it all from the inside," she noted.

In the end though, she knows it will come down to the kids. "They're hungry, with talent. This group now has never known a losing varsity season. I think that's the kind of momentum they'll want to keep intact."



**BRONWYN MONAHAN** is the new girls' varsity basketball coach at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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# AHS Girls' Hoop Looking To Improve WMass Standing

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Coach Bronwyn Monahan has inherited one of the more respected schoolgirl basketball programs in Western Mass. at Agawam High School from long-time coach (and now Athletic Director) Lou Conte. As she looked at her new team for 2000-2001, one thing immediately became evident. "I'm fortunate. These kids have been well-schooled in the fundamentals. They know what is expected of them and go out and do it. Coach (Lou) Conte's legacy has made one part of the job a little easier for me," said the former Cathedral High School girls' coach.

The players she has back, plus some new additions, should do quite well, according to the coach. Lost to graduation were Jen Lyman, Sheri Benton, and Kate Shannon - all were capable. But all seemed to have been replaced.

There will be four seniors on this team - all captains. All have varsity experience: guard Jill Gendron, center/power forward and four-year veteran Laura Bucalo, shooting guard Liz Stieg, and defensive standout Keegan Clark.

Junior guard Jenna Shea will run the offense, according to the coach. Shea played some at point last season, so she knows the ropes there. She only averaged a point a game, however. "I've told her to take the shot if she has it," Monahan said.

Gendron, who averaged 9.1 ppg (193 total points) last year, will play the two guard very well. She also had 14 three-pointers, second on the team a year ago.

Bucalo, the wily veteran, will see time at center as well as power forward. Bucalo (118 points) averaged 5.6 ppg last season and held her own in the rebound department. Stieg (184 points, 8.7 ppg) is a dead-on shooter, especially from the perimeter, as her 28 three-pointers (first on the team, including a school record seven in the first-round playoff loss to East Longmeadow) prove. Stieg will see action at the two or three spot.

Returner Keegan Clark will also be especially valuable in the press, said Monahan. "Keegan is a natural ball-stealer with a nice shot. She'll be a number four for us," the coach noted.

Perhaps the most interesting player is 5'11" sophomore center and freshman starter from last season, Vicky Taylor. The kid averaged 4.6 ppg while going up against some of the top post-up players and All-Western Mass. performers, such as Minnechaug's Maureen Leahy, Mountaintop's Lexi Passetto, Longmeadow's Marisa Mosley, and others.

And, in the latter stages of the season a year ago, Taylor (who owns a nice outside shot from the elbow-in), was logging the most minutes on the team under Conte's guidance. It could be her time this year.

"Vicky is a star in the making. She can only get better with time," Monahan noted.

## AHS's "Supporting Cast"...

She feels the supporting cast will complement the possible starters quite well. Newcomer Kristen Strole, a 5'10" post-up player, should see some minutes.

"We play in a tough league. But these kids seem to have the chemistry you need to pull out what we know will be some tight games," stated Monahan.

Meghan Kelly, the only freshman to make the team, can fill in at the three or four spot.

Three juniors are also on the roster, all new to the varsity: Erin Corbin, Lucy Young, and Amanda Blair.

Taylor, Stieg, Strole, Shea, and Corbin all played

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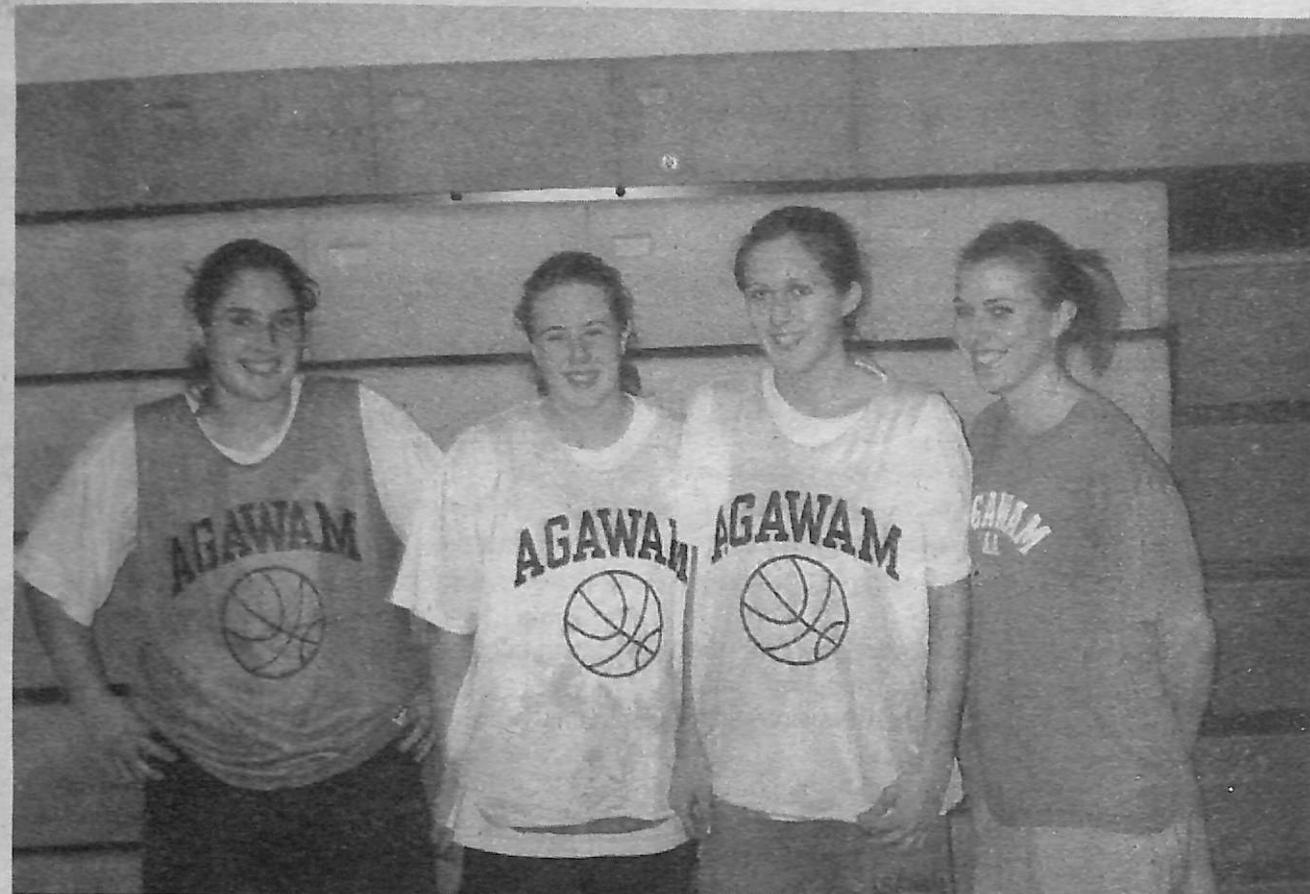
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**THE FOUR SENIORS (and captains) of the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team for the 2000-2001 season are (from left) Laura Bucalo, Liz Stieg, Jill Gendron, and Keegan Clark.**

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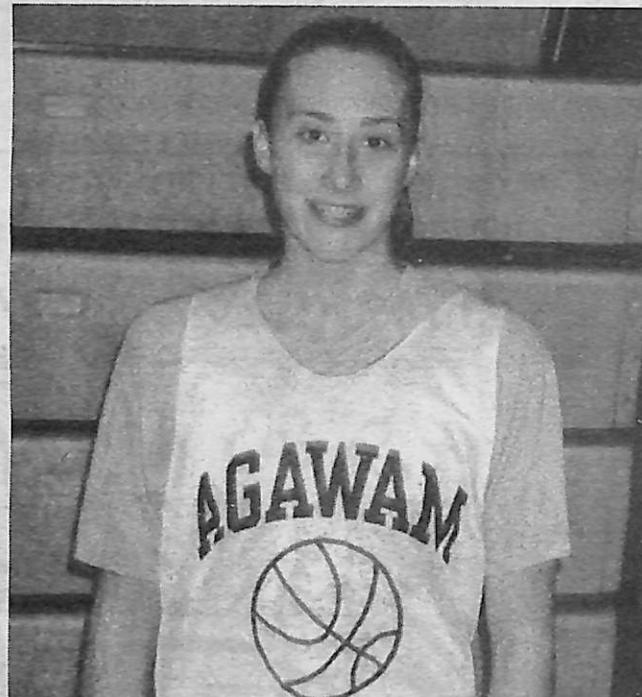
AAU ball over the summer, which has helped them in their development and gotten them ready for what should be a grueling season.

Agawam finished up at 11-10 last year. Their 867 total points gave them an average of 41.2 ppg. On defense, they gave up 884 (42.0 ppg). The coach would like to see the former rise and the latter dip or at least stay the same. It's interesting to note that in games where the Brownies gave up 40 points or less (nine), they won all of them.

They were 7-3 through their first 10 games before going 4-6 in their final 10, part of which was their Valley Wheel conference schedule (which was perhaps the top conference in the entire state). That slight letdown no doubt hurt their seeding (number five) in the tournament - something they'll work hard on improving this season.

Four-time Western Mass. and State champion Minnechaug still has a good team this year, but it appears that Amherst Regional is the top dog going in this year.

The Brownies open up on the road on Tuesday, December 12th at Taconic (Pittsfield). They'll be right back in the Berkshires two evenings later against Monument Mountain. Both are 7:30 games. Their first home contest will be against Waconah on Monday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m.



**SOPHOMORE FORWARD VICKY TAYLOR (5'11")** is coming off a season (1999-2000) where she established herself as a quality player as a freshman. New Coach Bronwyn Monahan says Taylor's star is rising on the WMass. scene. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Profile...

# Phil Sampson - A Versatile Player For AHS Football

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Phil Sampson was a solid contributor to the Agawam High football team this season. Recently, the senior stopped to discuss himself and his days as a Brownie.

His birthday is September 16th. He's 18 years-old. He stands six feet tall and weighs in at 190 pounds. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS.

Currently, his course load includes English 12, computers, psychology, algebra I, U.S. history, cooking, and gym.

His favorite courses are gym and psychology. Don Dorazio (shop) is his favorite teacher.

Phil will attend Holyoke Community College in the fall. He then hopes to transfer to a school specializing in culinary arts.

He was a linebacker and a wide receiver on the football team. He also participates in spring track, where he throws the javelin and made the individuals in that event last season. "This year, I hope to make All-Western Mass in track," he noted.

He enjoys football the best.

He has two memorable sports moments, both on the gridiron. As a sophomore, he ran down to cover a punt and snagged it on the run over his shoulder. "The coaches were a little upset with me, but it was a great catch," he smiled.

His other moment was getting his picture in *The Springfield Union News* as he made a tackle in this year's win over Minnechaug Regional last month.

"We learned a lot about not giving up and how

much fun you can have being on a team. We also learned how to be patient," he said of the 2000 football season.

His favorite food is anything that comes from the White Hut in West Springfield.

Blue is his top hue.

A Plymouth Prowler would be his ride.

The San Francisco 49ers' are his top team. Jerry Rice of that team is his top jock.

He likes to hang out in his room.

According to Phil, he likes clothes that look good and are comfortable.

He favors music produced by such groups as

Staind, Korn, and PHCR.

"The Simpsons" is his favorite TV show. "Dumb and

Dumber" is his number-one movie.

Joanne is his mom. Mark is his dad. He has two

sisters: Melanie (13), who is also into track, and Olive

(five), who is just into having fun being a little kid.

The guy he looks up to is his grandfather, Herman,

from Bellows Falls. "He has been a big part of my life,"

Phil noted.

He would like to be remembered at AHS as a hard-

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AHS football Coach Tad Desautels had this to say

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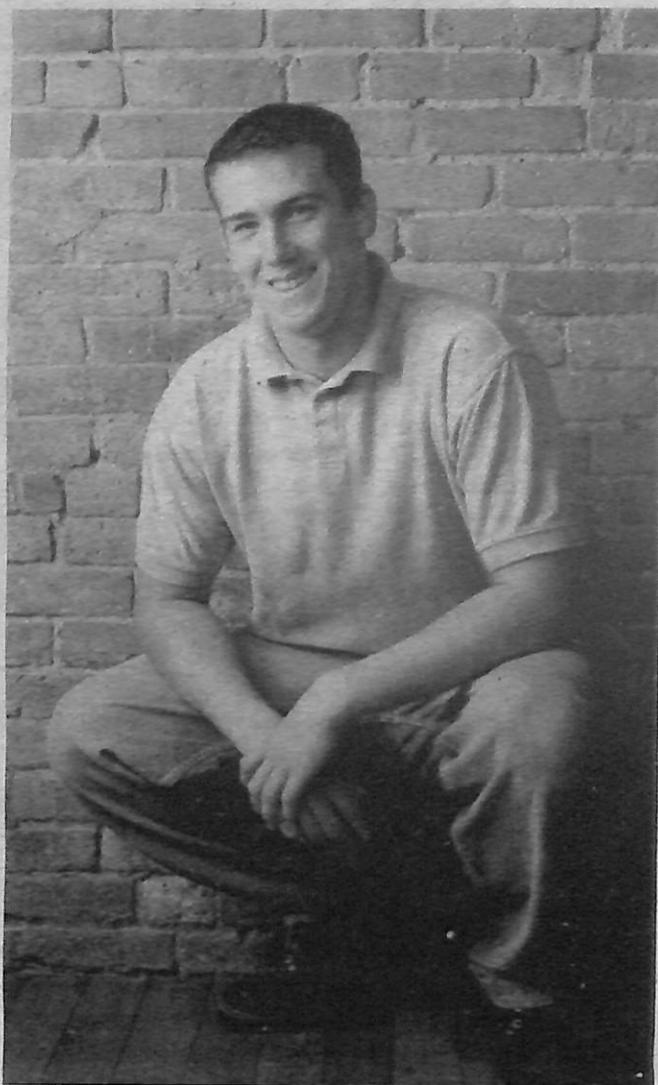
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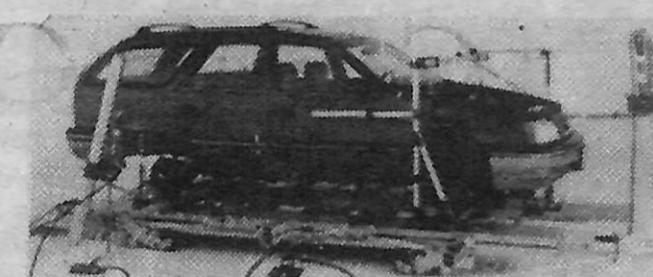
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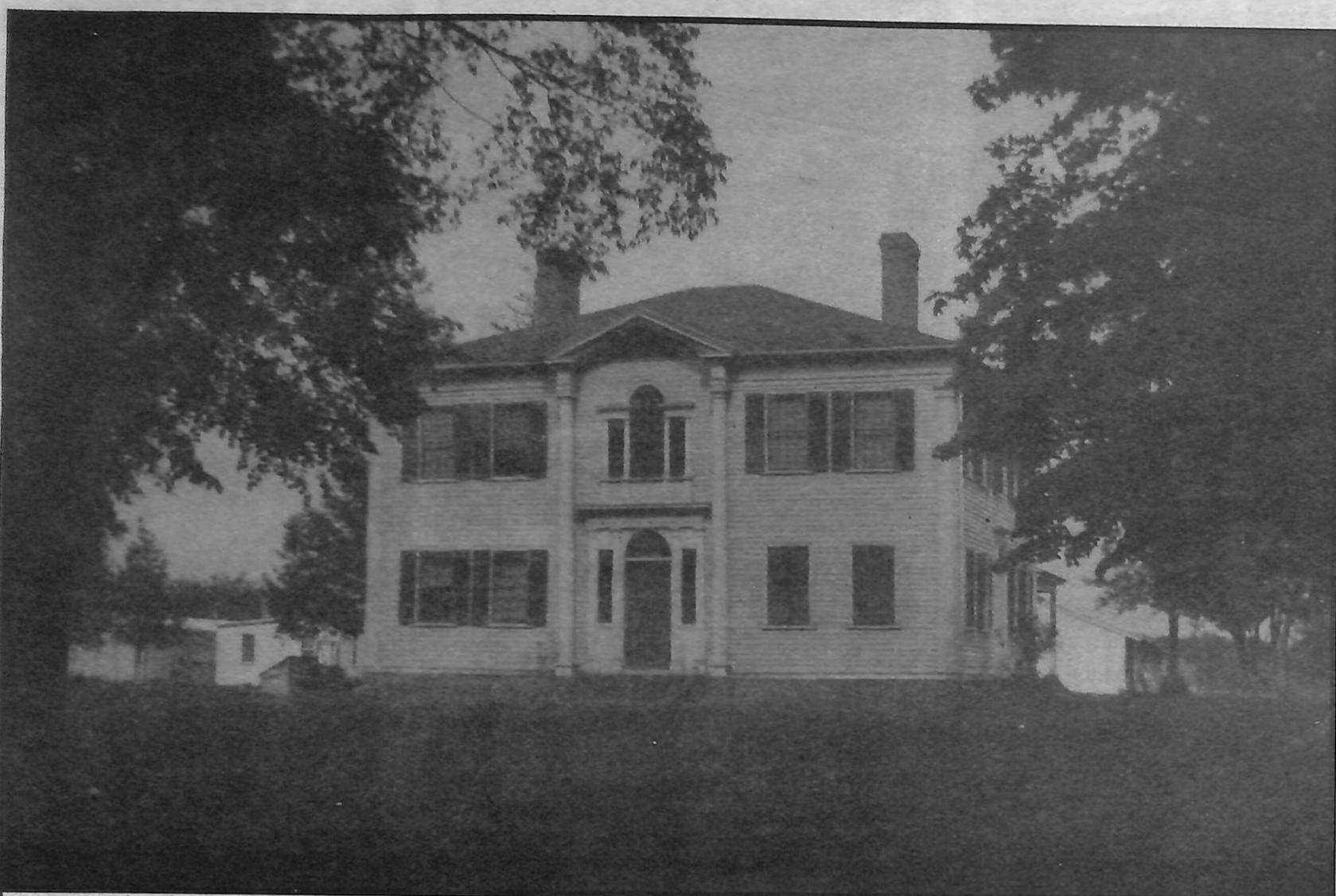


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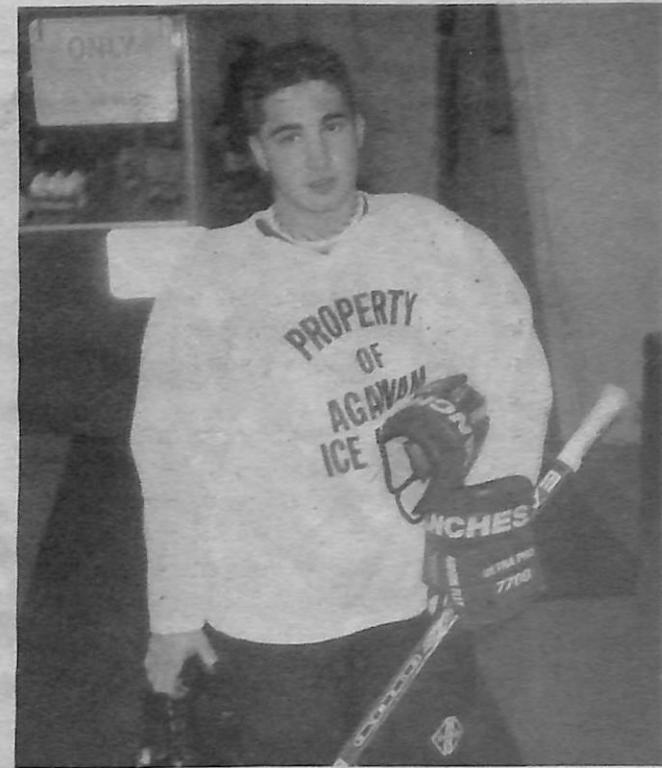
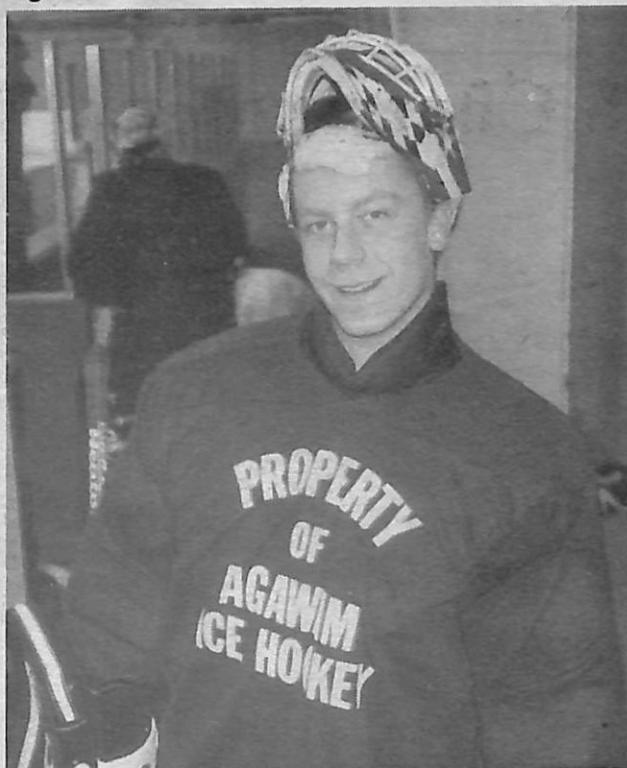
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THESE THREE GUYS will all play key roles this season on the 2000-2001 Agawam High varsity hockey team. From left to right: goalie Ryan Zaczynski, Tony LeClair, and Nick Depalma. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

## Combination Of Experience And Youth A Good Blend For AHS Hockey

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team is starting its second season under John Cirelli with high hopes.

"We had 30 kids try out and 22 made the varsity roster," Cirelli told us.

He is pleased because (aside from the obvious talent on the team) the numbers say he can put added lines on the ice - a luxury that has evaded AHS hockey in the past.

Granted, they suffered some serious blows, especially on offense where graduation took three of their top four scorers - Jason Malanson (10 goals/25 assists - 35 points), Brian Pagella (20 goals/13 assists - 33 points), and Dave Gusek (11 goals/8 assists - 19 points).

That trio accounted for 87 of Agawam's 197 total points (93 goals, 104 assists) on a team that averaged 4.4 goals in 21 games. But the coach feels the slack can be taken up by co-captain Tony LeClair (18 goals/14 assists - 32 points). The forward has been a solid three-year starter for the Brownies.

"Tony has taken a major leadership role this time around," the coach noted.

Another kid expected to get his share of points will be newcomer Nick Depalma, a junior center who lives in Agawam but attended Avon Old Farms prep school in Connecticut last season. "Nick is an impact player. We're expecting a lot out of him," stated Cirelli.

Others who should help include returning junior forward Mike Kosinsky (10 goals/7 assists - 17 points) and senior co-captain (defender) Adam Sprague (3 goals/11 assists - 14 points).

### Defense - The Key To Success...

But defense is how the coach sees the success of his team. Last year, they gave up 79 goals (3.7 GA) in 21 games. The main man in the mix was then-freshman Ryan Zaczynski, who finished up with a 3.7 goals-against-average while winning 10 and losing five. Zaczynski is a year older with more experience, so his goals-against-average should drop.

They'll have some competent defenders in front of him - all veterans. They are sophomore Ben Crum, junior Jason Callahan, sophomore Mike Peetros, and senior Joe Case, along with Sprague. The coach says he'll keep three goalies on the roster (two of whom will

be freshmen who were standouts in youth hockey).

"We have 12 returning veterans to go with eight freshmen. The young ones will have to learn our system, but Assistant Coach Bob Martin has been working hard with them and they're getting it. We've seen great strides in practice so far."

Then Cirelli added, "We have a great bunch of kids who work hard and have a winning attitude. That's a great recipe for success. I feel we have the potential to make some noise."

The Brownies are in a realigned division, which includes some of the toughest competition in Western Mass. - Amherst, East Longmeadow, Chicopee, West Springfield, Westfield, Longmeadow, Ludlow, and Minnechaug. They open up on Wednesday, December 12th, at the Olympia against powerhouse West Side in an 8:30 contest.

"We might as well go right into the fire right away," the coach smiled.

Agawam went 11-10 in 21 games last season, grabbed an 11th seed in the tournament, and lost 9-0 in the first round to fifth-seeded Longmeadow.

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Profile...

# Rachel Lara - A Mainstay With AHS Cheerleaders

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Rachel Lara has been a mainstay of the Agawam High cheerleading team throughout her high school days. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her days at AHS.

Rachel is 18 years-old. Her birthday is September 18th. She has spent all four years of her secondary education at the High School. Currently, Rachel is taking integrated math, preparation for the SATs, English 12, honors genetics, child development, and gym. She is a member of the honor roll.

Her favorite course was psychology "I enjoy interacting with people and you can really do that in psych," she noted.

Her top teacher is Kim Hebert (integrated math). Ms. Hebert is also the varsity cheerleading coach.

Rachel says she is still looking at colleges in New England.

Cheerleading is her sport. She is a four-year member of the varsity and was a big part of last year's state championship squad.

Rachel prepared for cheerleading with a six-year stint at the Academy of Artistic Performance in Feeding Hills. Her disciplines included ballet, jazz, and acrobatics.

Her most memorable sports moment came when she nailed a backwards tuck off a cartwheel into a round off during one of her cheerleading routines.

Even though the team didn't defend their state championship a little while back, she still sees the season as a successful one because they did win the Western Mass. title.

"We improved each day and practice a lot more than we compete. And we are ready for the competition, which is an intense two minutes with no inter-

mission," she smiled.

Her favorite food is chicken with broccoli and cheese.

She likes all colors.

A four-wheel drive vehicle, any model (but with four doors), would be her ride.

Her favorite place to hang out is at her boyfriend's house. He happens to be Brownie football player Brian Michel, whom she has known for seven years. Rachel also likes to go dancing at various clubs in the area.

She likes casual clothes that are also dressy, as long as they are nice and comfortable. She buys them at a store in the Holyoke Mall called H&M.

Musically, she enjoys techno dance. Jennifer Lopez is her role model. Madonna is one of her favorite singers.

"The X-Files" and "E.R." top the tube for her. "In Dreams" is Rachel's favorite flick.

Gail is her mom. Morris is her dad. She has a brother, Marc (20).

Her grandmother on her dad's side, Jean Laura, is the person she looks up to. "She has her own business and has been everywhere," Rachel said.

When her days at AHS are done, Rachel would like to be remembered as everyone's friend. "I have no enemies and treat people with respect, which they in turn give back to me."

Coach Kim Hebert had this to say of the senior: "Rachel is an excellent athlete. She is talented not only as a cheerleader, but also in dance and gymnastics. She is very spirited and always smiling."



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## WRESTLING (V/JV)

Dec. 13th: Amherst, home (7:00).  
 Dec. 16th: Milford Tournament, away (9:00).  
 Dec. 20th: Cathedral, away (7:00).  
 Dec. 23rd: East Longmeadow, home (1:00).  
 Dec. 27th: Lowell, St. John, Du, away (12:00).  
 Dec. 30th: Phil Tomkiel Tournament, home, (9:00).  
 Jan. 4th: Putnam/Commerce, away (7:00).  
 Jan. 6th: Central, away (9:00).  
 Jan. 10th: Sci Tech, away (7:00).  
 Jan. 13th: Westfield, away (1:00).  
 Jan. 17th: West Springfield, home (7:00).  
 Jan. 20th: Minnechaug, away (1:00).  
 Jan. 24th: Ludlow, home (7:00).  
 Jan. 27th: Longmeadow/Brid, away (1:00).  
 Jan. 31st: Central, home (7:00).  
 Feb. 3rd: Enfield Dual Tournament, away (1:00).  
 Feb. 9th: Div. I West Sec., away.  
 Feb. 10th: Div. I West Sec., away.  
 Feb. 16th: MIAA, away.  
 Feb. 17th: MIAA All States, away.  
 Mar. 2nd: New England, away.  
 Mar. 3rd: New England, away.

## INDOOR TRACK (V)

Dec. 19th: Mt. Holyoke, away (7:00).  
 Dec. 21st: Smith College, away (4:00).  
 Jan. 12th: Smith College, away (4:00).  
 Jan. 17th: Mt. Holyoke, away (7:00).  
 Feb. 2nd: Smith College, away (4:00).  
 Feb. 9th: Smith/VMASS, away (TBA).  
**SWIMMING (V/JV)**  
 Dec. 18th: South Hadley, away (3:30).  
 Dec. 22nd: Amherst, away (4:00).  
 Jan. 9th: Cathedral, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 12th: Northampton, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 16th: Turners Falls, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 19th: Palmer, home (4:00).  
 Jan. 23rd: Chicopee, home (3:30).  
 Jan. 26th: Belchertown, home (4:00).  
 Jan. 30th: Sci-Tech, home (4:45).

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Feb. 2nd: Easthampton, home (4:00).  
 Feb. 6th: Holyoke Catholic, away (3:30).  
 Feb. 9th: Central, home (3:30).  
 Feb. 16th: WMASS, away.  
 Feb. 23rd: Boys' States (diving).  
 Feb. 24th: Boys' States (swimming).  
 Feb. 25th: Girls' States (swimming).

## ICE HOCKEY (V/JV)

Dec. 12th: West Springfield, away (8:30 - Olympia).  
 Dec. 16th: Westfield, home (5:00 - Olympia).  
 Dec. 19th: Minnechaug, away (6:30 - Olympia).  
 Dec. 23rd: Ludlow, home (3:00 - Cyr).  
 Dec. 29th: Longmeadow, away (8:00 - Cyr).  
 Dec. 30th: Longmeadow/Minnechaug/East Longmeadow, away (3:00/5:00 - Cyr).  
 Jan. 2nd: Longmeadow, home (8:30 - Olympia).  
 Jan. 4th: East Longmeadow, away (8:30 - Olympia).  
 Jan. 8th: Chicopee, away (6:30 - Fitzpatrick).  
 Jan. 11th: Belchertown, home (8:30 - Olympia).  
 Jan. 20th: West Springfield, home (4:00 - Olympia).  
 Jan. 23rd: Westfield, away (6:00 - Westfield).  
 Jan. 27th: Minnechaug, home (3:00 - Cyr).  
 Feb. 3rd: Pittsfield, home (5:00 - Cyr).  
 Feb. 6th: East Longmeadow, home (8:30 - Olympia).  
 Feb. 10th: Chicopee, home (3:00 - Olympia).  
 Feb. 14th: Holyoke, away (8:30 - Fitzpatrick).  
 Feb. 16th: Amherst, away (7:00 - Orr).  
 Feb. 22nd: Ludlow, away (4:00 - Olympia).

## SKIING

Jan. 4th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Jan. 11th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Jan. 18th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Jan. 23rd: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Jan. 25th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Jan. 30th: Berkshire East, away, 4:45.  
 Feb. 6th: Away, 4:45.  
 Feb. 8th: Away, 4:45.

Feb. 13th: Away, 4:45.  
 Feb. 15th: Away, 4:45.  
 Feb. 28th: Away, 4:45.

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### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 19th: South Hadley, home (3:30).  
 Dec. 22nd: Amherst, home (4:30).  
 Dec. 27th: East Longmeadow, home (10:00).  
 Dec. 29th: Sci Tech, away (11:00).  
 Jan. 5th: Westfield, away (3:00).  
 Jan. 9th: Putnam, away (4:15).  
 Jan. 12th: Ludlow, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 18th: West Springfield, home (4:30).  
 Jan. 23rd: Minnechaug, away (3:30).  
 Jan. 26th: Dean Tech, home (3:30).  
 Jan. 30th: Holyoke, away (3:30).  
 Feb. 2nd: Putnam, home (3:30).  
 Feb. 6th: Ludlow, home (4:00).  
 Feb. 9th: Chicopee Comp, home (3:30).  
 Feb. 13th: West Springfield, away (3:30).  
 Feb. 16th: Minnechaug, home (3:30).  
 Feb. 20th: Dean Tech, away (11:00).  
 Feb. 22nd: Central, away (11:00).

### BOYS' BASKETBALL (V/JV)

Dec. 15th: Sci Tech, home (5:30/7:00).  
 Dec. 19th: South Hadley, away (6:30/8:00).  
 Dec. 22nd: Amherst, away (5:30/7:00).  
 Dec. 27th: East Longmeadow, away (6:00/7:30).  
 Jan. 2nd: Monument Mt., away (6:00/7:30).  
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## ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - from Page 52

- Feb. 1st: Putnam, away (6:00/7:30).
- Feb. 6th: Ludlow, away (6:30/8:00).
- Feb. 9th: Chicopee Comp, away (6:00/7:30).
- Feb. 13th: West Springfield, home (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 16th: Minnechaug, away (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 20th: Greenfield, home (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 22nd: Central, home (5:30/7:00).

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL (V/JV)**

- Dec. 12th: Taconic, away (6:00/7:30).
- Dec. 14th: Monument Mt., away (6:00/7:30).
- Dec. 18th: Waconah, home (6:00/7:30).
- Dec. 22nd: Holyoke, away (6:00/7:30).
- Dec. 29th: Northampton, home (5:30/7:00).
- Jan. 2nd: Ludlow, away (6:00/7:30).
- Jan. 5th: Westfield, home (4:30/6:00).
- Jan. 10th: East Longmeadow, home (5:30/7:00).
- Jan. 12th: Chicopee, away (6:00/7:30).
- Jan. 16th: Chicopee Comp, away (6:00/7:30).
- Jan. 19th: Cathedral, home (5:30/7:00).
- Jan. 24th: Central, away (6:00/7:30).
- Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, home (5:30/7:00).
- Jan. 29th: Amherst, away (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 2nd: West Springfield, home (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 6th: Longmeadow, home (6:00/7:30).
- Feb. 13th: Minnechaug, away (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 16th: Amherst, home (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 20th: West Springfield, away (5:30/7:00).
- Feb. 22nd: Longmeadow, away (5:30/7:00).

**FRESHMAN****GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

- Dec. 15th: Central, home (3:30).

**Seniors Feted At AHS Boys' Soccer Banquet**

SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School boys' varsity soccer team were honored at the Soccer Booster Club's annual banquet on Sunday, November 19th, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. Front row: John DeCaro, Nick Broska, and Jim Evans. Back row: Adam Escobar, Bill Campana, Sean DeVall, and Aaron Gilbert. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Dec. 18th: Belchertown, away (3:30).	Jan. 19th: Cathedral, away (3:30).
Dec. 22nd: Holyoke, home (3:00).	Jan. 26th: Minnechaug, away (3:30).
Dec. 27th: Belchertown, home (11:30).	Jan. 29th: Amherst, home (4:00).
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*In Class "C"...*

## WMA Girls' Varsity Soccer Wins N.E. Championship

The Wilbraham-Monson Academy (WMA) girls' varsity soccer team recently won the New England Prep School, Class "C" Championship. The victory over Hamden Hall of Connecticut completed a perfect 18-0 season for the women and Coach Don Nicholson.

Two sisters from Agawam played an important role in this season's victories: Bethany Reid, a freshman, and Jennifer Reid, a senior co-captain.

During the annual Fall Sports Banquet, Jennifer was named "most valuable player" of the soccer team and November athlete of the month. Jennifer was also named to the All-League Team of Western New England Prep Schools.

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## Tri-Parish Bowling League...

## St. Louis &amp; St. Mary Are Now Tied For First

On Monday, November 27th, St. Louis jumped back into a tie for the league lead with St. Mary by taking all four points away from Holy Cross. HC could only manage one bowler over 300, that being sub anchor Jim "Big Dawg" Burlingham. He struggled to a 311, even after a good start of 125.

On the other hand, St. L had good bowling from three bowlers. Caroline "Peppy" Coellin ran off a nice 305; Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin had another great night at 332 with a high single of 121; and Glen "Not Sam" Adams was not challenged, but he did hit a 350 anyway to win the point for team total by 106 pins (73 came in the third string).

St. Mary could only come up with a tie at two each with Boston College. BC had two 300 bowlers: Mark "Up" Edwards with a 300 even, and Jon "Money" Robarge with a 330 (which included a 128 high single).

St. M had three bowlers over 300: Terry "Tiger" Cerpovicz at 306, Rich "Golden" Snyder at 315 (which included an 86), and Don "Reb" Stitt hit a 320. St. M. won the first string by three pins, but BC had a big second string, winning by 67 (which was good enough to take total pinfall and their second point for the night).

BC had a 15-pin per string handicap (that had to help), but they also missed Betsy "Loose" Cannon (who reported in sick), so her average - less five - cut into any advantage. We hope "Loose" will reload for next week.

Georgetown held on to fourth place by beating Catholic University, 3-1. A 132 string by Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham gave CU its only point in the second game. "Big Cat" ended the night at 333.

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G'T had a good team effort with three bowlers hitting over 300: Jim "Big Mac" McCormack ran off a 304 (he needed extra cheese!), "Mighty" Debbie Poirier hit 305 (not too mighty), and Vi "Speedy" Massoia carried the team with a 331, which included a great 137 third string (this won the point by 75 pins and insured total pinfall).

Notre Dame came on strong to beat Fordham, 3-1. F'ham's only point came in the first string when "Jolly" Olly Muldrew came through with a spare and three fill in the 10th box to win the game by one pin. Bowling well for F'ham and keeping the games close was the 399 bowled by Flo "Rocky" Rochford.

"Jolly" wore himself out in the first string, and Paula

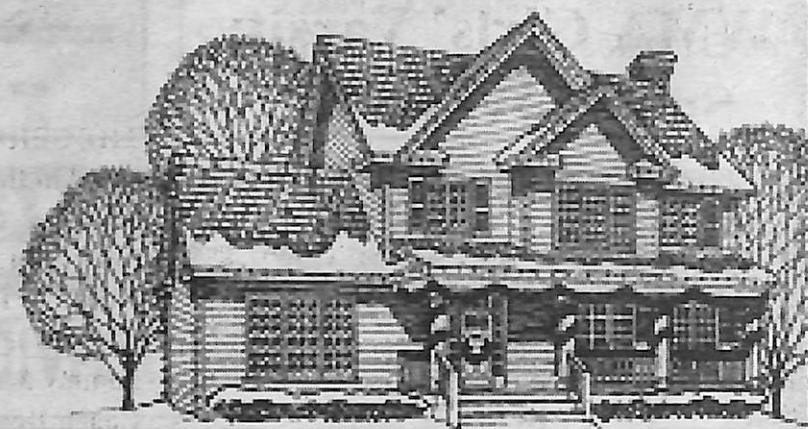
"Wild Thing" Burke came on in the second with a 139 to win that one, as well as a 110 third string for a 345 total to go with Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz's 326 and an easy three-point night.

The standings as of Monday, November 27th were:

St. Louis	11 - 5
St. Mary	11 - 5
Notre Dame	10 - 6
Georgetown	9 - 7
Fordham	6 - 10
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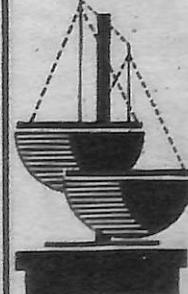
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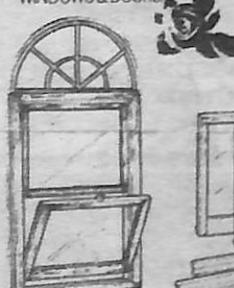
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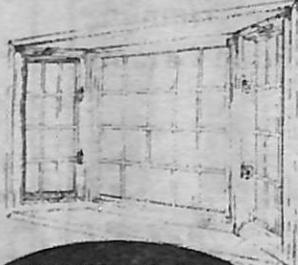
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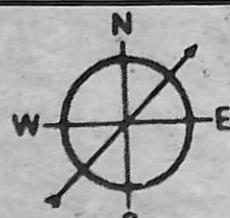
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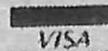
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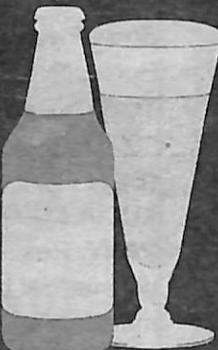
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